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Israel, Palestinian leaders pull back tanks

Associated Press

PARIS — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, in a move to quell escalating violence, agreed in a meeting Wednesday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to pull back Israeli tanks and personnel carriers from forward positions on the West Bank and Gaza, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

Nabil Shaat, a top aide to Arafat, said the pullback was one area of agreement in marathon negotiations between the two sides. He declined to elaborate.

The Palestinians also have pressed for an international inquiry into the violence on the West Bank and Gaza.

The pullback agreement, to be initialed under the supervision of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, marks a step toward dispelling mistrust that has imperiled already shaky peacemaking efforts between Israel and the Palestinians.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that under the deal, tanks and armored personnel carriers would be returned to military bases within the Israeli-controlled territory.

Without providing details on what was agreed to Wednesday, French President Jacques Chirac said, "It's a considerable step which could permit a return to calm I hope with all my heart, in Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem."

He said the talks were to continue Thursday in Egypt.

"On the fundamentals, progress was made and measures drawn up aiming to a ceasing of the violence, which was obviously a precondition to the resumption of the necessary and inevitable peace process," Chirac said.

The United States described the talks as intense. One senior U.S. official cautioned that no agreement had been finalized as yet.

At one point Wednesday, Arafat briefly stormed out of the meeting, returning only after Albright persuaded him to do so.

Shaath said the Palestinian leader was angered by the Israeli and American refusal to set up an international inquiry into the recent bloodshed in Israel and the Palestinian areas.

"He was angry and she tried to persuade him to return, and she did persuade him to return," Shaath told The Associated Press. He did not elaborate.

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The talks between the two leaders and Albright stretched late into the night. Shortly before midnight, the three hurried over to the Elysee Palace to meet with Chirac, who has spearheaded a European diplomatic effort to end the violence. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also was participating.

President Clinton, in Florida for a series of fund-raisers, was briefed on the talks by his national security adviser, Sandy Berger.

Albright held two rounds of separate talks with each of the leaders before convening the three-way session. She had urged them to return to the "psychology of peacemaking."

More than 60 people have been killed and in excess of 1,800 injured, most of them Palestinians, in the fighting, which was triggered by a Sept. 28 visit to Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque compound by right-wing Israeli politician Ariel Sharon.

In advance of the three-way meeting, Barak and Arafat passed blame for the violence.

"Every morning, youngsters are coming from Nablus. Together with policemen and with street gangs ... they are opening fire, throwing Molotov cocktails, shooting into the isolated strong positions of the Israelis," Barak said after a meeting earlier Wednesday with Chirac. "It is only self-defense that is executed in these places."

He called for "a clear-cut order from Chairman Arafat to his own militias and policemen to stop shooting and everything will calm down immediately."

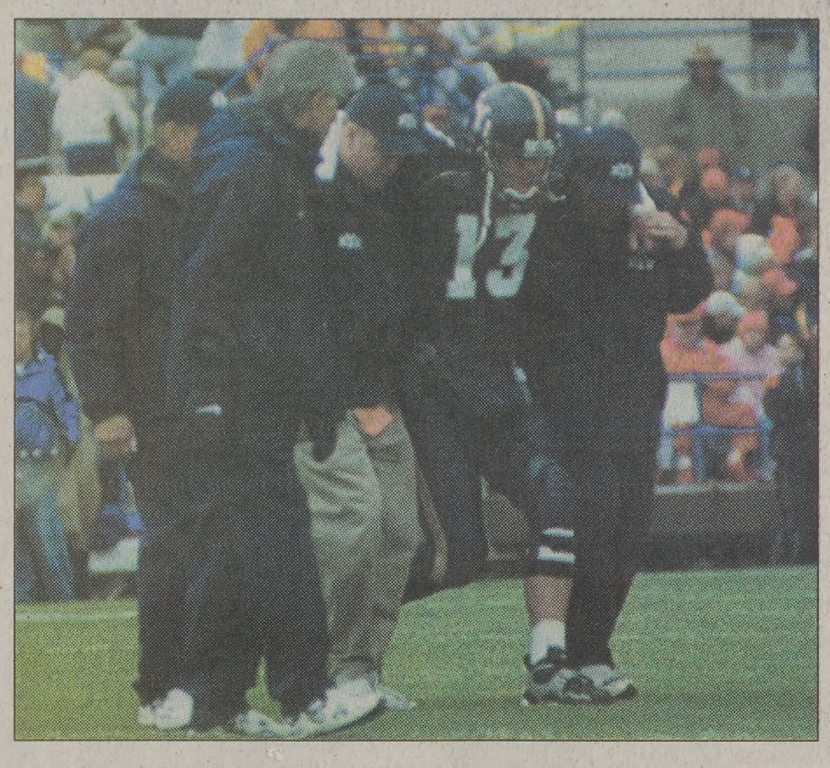
Arafat, who met separately with Chirac, decried the "serious massacre which is being perpetrated against the Palestinian people."

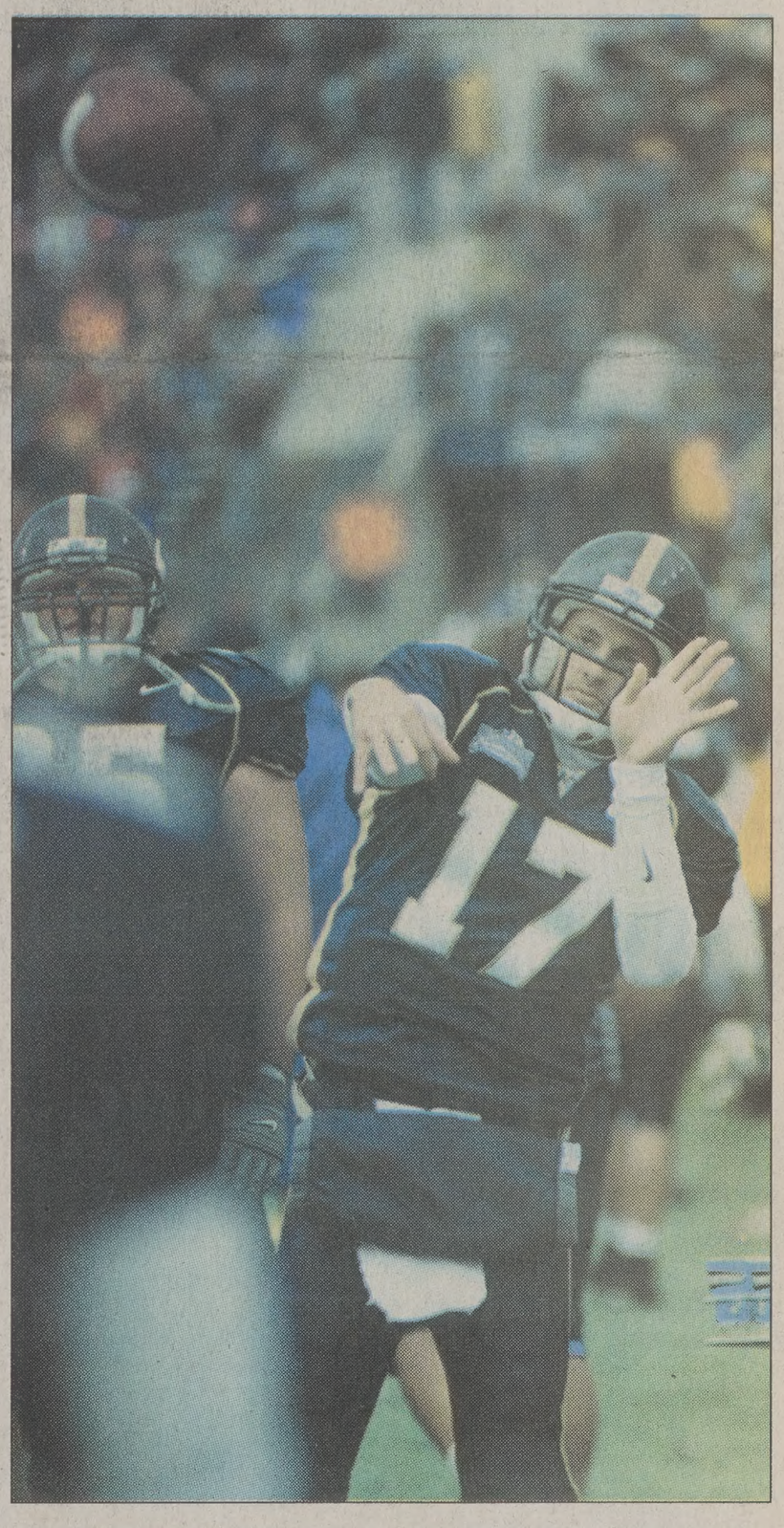
He had set "protection and an international inquiry" into the violence as preconditions for the three-way meeting with Barak and Albright.

Barak's office has said he "totally rejected the call for an international investigation."

From Paris, Arafat and Barak planned to go to Sharm el-Sheik in Egypt to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

In his initial two-hour session with Albright, Barak told the secretary of state that the Palestinians were violating agreements with Israel by acquiring illegal arms and shooting at soldiers, Barak's office said.





Above, Brett Engemann gets sacked by a UNLV player Sept. 23. Right, Engemann gets carried off the field by team trainers after the sack. Far right, Charlie Peterson warms up to replace Engemann. Peterson will be the starting quarterback for the rest of the season.

Photos by Travis Lovell/ Daily Universe

Engemann gone, Peterson takes reins

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The quarterback controversy is over, but it didn't end the way the football team had hoped.

Sophomore Bret Engemann underwent successful surgery on Tuesday to repair his injured right shoulder. He will miss the rest of the season.

Engemann dislocated his shoulder twice during Saturday's game against Syracuse. He returned to the game after the first injury, but again dislocated the same shoulder with three minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The injury will take four months to heal, said BYU head trainer George Curtis.

Backup Charlie Peterson, a junior from South Jordan, Salt Lake County, will start the remainder of the season for the Cougars, beginning Friday night against Utah State. He competed with Engemann during spring drills for the starting spot.

Although Engemann has started five of six games, the two have shared the quarterback duties for most of this season.

"You can't say things are a relief because it's a shame that we lost Bret, and that's a tragedy," said center Jason Scukanec. "But maybe now, with Charlie being the set guy, maybe it will give the offense a chance to settle on one guy and one style of play.

"Maybe that consistency will help us settle down a little bit as an offense."

Peterson has played in four games this season and started against Mississippi State. He has completed 58 of 107 passes for 644 yards and four touchdowns.

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> — Teag Whiting, offensive lineman

Peterson will give the offense more speed and mobility.

"Charlie's got some intangibles," Scukanec said. "He may not have the pedigree that you look at when you see Bret. He's not 6-foot-5, and he doesn't have the arm that Bret has, but Charlie's a competitor.

"And when he gets on the field, he's going to give you everything he's got, and he's going to give you a chance to win ball games."

The quarterback position may be decided for the rest of this season, but the controversy will undoubtedly renew itself next season. Engemann's injury should be healed by spring drills, and Peterson will be entering his senior year.

Fortunately for head coach LaVell Edwards, that is one decision he will not have to worry about. Edwards will retire at the end of the season.

"We have a lot of confidence in Charlie," Edwards said. "Charlie has gained some valuable experience so far this season and shown his ability to lead the team and move the ball. We think he will do just fine."

Engemann's injury reduces BYU's quarterback corps to two scholarship players – two the Cougars can ill-afford to lose.

"Hopefully the offensive line can just protect him – that's our biggest (goal)," said offensive lineman Teag Whiting.

Junior Brandon Doman will be Peterson's backup. Coaches were hoping to redshirt him this year, but with Engemann's injury, the Cougars need Doman to play this season.

He played for the first time this season in the fourth quarter against Syracuse. He completed six-of-nine passes for 66 yards.

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News Briefs

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U.S. parents confused about raising kids

NEW YORK — Widespread parental misconceptions about discipline and behavior may result in a growing number of overly aggressive, easily frustrated children, according to experts who surveyed more than 1,000 parents with youngsters 6 and under.

The nationwide survey, released Wednesday, found that 61 percent of the parents condone spanking as a regular form of punishment for young children despite research indicating corporal punishment can be harmful.

Fifty-seven percent of the parents said even a 6-month-old child can be spoiled, a belief the survey coordinators said is incorrect.

"If you don't pick up a baby when he is crying, you can build up his levels of stress and distress," said Dr. Kyle Pruett, professor of psychiatry at Yale University's Child Study Center. "Responding to your child's needs is not spoiling."

Gore scores better in poll after debate

WASHINGTON — Al Gore fared the best in instant polls of debate watchers, but George W. Bush apparently helped himself, too, in his confrontation with the vice president.

Gore gave a stronger performance, according to registered voters in three of four polls:

•He had 56 percent to 42 percent for Bush in a CBS News poll of 812 registered voters.

•The Democrat had 48 percent to 41 percent for Republican Bush in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 435 registered voters who watched the debate.

•And 46 percent in an NBC News poll of 563 registered voters said Gore did the better job, while 36 percent said Bush fared better.

The two were ranked about even in an ABC News poll with Gore at 42 percent and Bush at 39 percent.

Women favored Gore, while men favored Bush.

Utah leads pirated business software

SALT LAKE CITY — In the home and at the office, Utah folk lead the nation in using pirated business software, the Business Software Alliance claims.

The industry group estimates 33.7 percent of the business software used in Utah is illegal, compared with a nationwide average of 25.1 percent.

Utah's rate is followed by Mississippi at 32.1 percent and Wyoming, New Mexico and Nevada at 31 percent, according to the alliance's numbers. The group figured Virginia had the lowest piracy rate, at 16.2 percent.

Bob Kruger, BSA vice president, said he did not know why Utah had such a high rate of alleged piracy.

The piracy rates were computed by comparing the number of computers purchased in each state in 1999 with the number of licensed business-related software programs purchased, said David Fay of International Planning & Research Group, which conducted the study for BSA.

Utah schools recruit teachers in Spain

SALT LAKE CITY — Some Utah school districts perceiving a need for Spanish-speaking teachers are recruiting in Spain, which has a surplus of new teachers.

The Salt Lake City School Board agreed Tuesday night to allow a district representative to go to Madrid to recruit up to four teachers — at no cost to the district.

Tooele, Cache, Ogden and Granite school districts collectively have already hired about a dozen Spanish teachers, who started work in Utah schools this year.

"Spanish is a plus in any classroom," said Dolores Riley, Salt Lake City's assistant superintendent over human resources.

English is the second language of 28 percent of the district's 25,000 students. More than half those students speak Spanish.

Starting in the 2001-02 school year, the district will require all new hires to be able to teach English as a second language, or commit to getting that training within three years.

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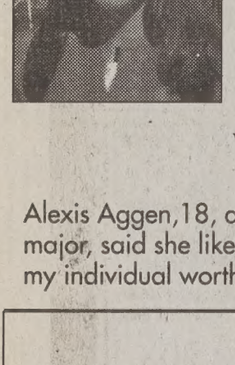
Scripture of the Day



"Now the Lord shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones; And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of the, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born.

— Abraham 3:22-23

Alexis Aggen, 18, a freshman from Kansas City, Kan., with an open major, said she likes this scripture because it "helps me remember my individual worth as a child of God."

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Teen-age smokers get 'line' of help

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Gov. Mike Leavitt helped introduce a state smoking cessation program aimed at teen-age smokers Wednesday.

The Smoking Quit Line, a telephone counseling line, is the first of its type in the nation, he said.

Leavitt launched the program at Granite High School in Salt Lake City.

"We are excited to help youth quit because we know it will have considerable impact on their health," Leavitt said.

According to the Utah Department of Health 33,000 youth in Utah use tobacco.

"Seventy percent of teens want to quit smoking but can't," said Tamara Lewis, chairperson of the state's Master Settlement Agreement. "Nicotine is more addicting than even heroin."

The program is to be funded by money collected from the state's portion of the Master Settlement Agreement, a result of a lawsuit against tobacco companies.

A number of effective programs exist in the state for smoking cessation but they are not accessible to teens, Lewis said. Youth in rural areas cannot utilize such programs.

"As of today, we will give each youth access to a live individual who can help them with what their specific needs are," Lewis said.

Timothy McAfee, executive director of the Center for Health Promotion, said no other state has made such efforts to help their youth.

"The Western states have been pioneers in adult cessation and youth prevention programs. Now we are leading in youth cessation programs," he said.

The Smoking Quit Line is geared toward youth ages 12 to 19 and their parents. The counselors provide immediate information and counseling to help youth quit smoking.

The Utah Legislature has allocated $3 million for youth prevention and cessation programs.

Reed Richards, chief assistant attorney general, said the money should be used for cessation programs, as well as public media campaigns, prevention programs in schools and enforcement of rules preventing kids from getting cigarettes.

"The money from the Master Settlement Agreement should be used for the purpose it was intended: to help kids deal with substance abuse," said Richards.

Lacey Nielsen, a sophomore at Granite High School, said the new cessation line would be helpful for youth.

"The line is confidential and offers suggestions on how to quit," Nielsen said.

Additionally, Lewis said the line will be staffed with young professional counselors who are trained specifically in substance abuse cessation. The counselors may even be former smokers.

"This line is designed so that counselors offer advice, work with the youth for a period of time, and then provide incentives to keep the youth interested," Lewis said.

The Smoking Quit Line, 1-888-567-TRUTH, is now available Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

UEA weekend used education, vacations

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The theme for this year's annual Utah Education Association convention is "Quality schools: how do we know students are learning." But not all of the state's teachers are expected to attend.

The convention will take place at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City today and Friday. The event is open to the public.

Many of the teachers, however, will be absent. With Thursday and Friday set aside for the UEA convention, some teachers are using the two-day break to do just that: take a break.

"Sometimes the best thing for a teacher to do is take a break," said Louise Durham, an English teacher at Timpview High School. "Recuperating and getting ready for what lies ahead is vital in keeping our teachers fresh and ready to teach."

Durham, who is being honored as the 2000-1 Teacher of the Year, plans to attend the award ceremony, but said she might skip other parts of the convention.

Although the convention is not as highly attended as UEA officials would like, they continue to offer the convention as a way for teachers get re-tooled for the new school year, Durham said.

"We hope to raise the awareness of standards and accountability of our state and hear from experts on how to improve education," said Phyllis Sorenson, UEA president.

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I-15 construction swells at Parkway ramp

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> "Because of the construction, I get off at 8th North to try to avoid traffic jams on the way to the game."
>
> — Randy Champion, BYU season ticket holder

As the Cougar football season shifts into high gear, so will the construction at the University Parkway interchange on I-15.

This week dump trucks will start hauling in dirt to fill the sections between I-15 and the southbound on-ramp, said Geoff Dupaix, public involvement officer coordinator for Utah Department of Transportation Region Three.

However, Friday night the trucks will shut down early to avoid causing traffic problems for fans heading to Cougar Stadium for the BYU-USU game at seven, Dupaix said.

Many fans are still skeptical of the construction and are avoiding the exit all together.

"Because of the construction, I get off at 8th North to try to avoid traffic jams on the way to the game," BYU season ticket holder Randy Champion said.

As far as traffic problems for future BYU games, Dupaix said that UDOT will be trying to keep motorists and fans notified of current traffic conditions.

Dupaix's overall advice to motorists and fans is to choose an alternate route and leave early to arrive on time and not flustered.

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"We haven't noticed these plants turning into monsters," said geneticist Olga Kovalchuk, who led the study. She is at the Friedrich Miescher Institute in Basel, Switzerland.

The research was published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, and was carried out by a team in Ukraine, Britain and Switzerland.

The group grew a test plot of wheat for one season within two miles of the Chernobyl power plant, where in 1986 the terrain was bombarded with radiation during the world's worst nuclear accident.

The Ukrainian government blames the accident for at least 4,000 deaths of cleanup personnel and an elevated risk of disease among an estimated 3.4 million Ukrainians.

Though the radiation at the study's nearest test site is now considered low, it is still much higher than normal radiation in the atmosphere. People are still not allowed to live or farm there.

The researchers planted a second, comparison wheat plot 19 miles from Chernobyl in closely matched — but less irradiated — soil. The seeds for both plots were germinated in Switzerland, and their DNA was analyzed.

Overall, the wheat grown near Chernobyl mutated at more than six times the rate of the comparison group. The plot nearest Chernobyl underwent genetic changes hundreds of times more often than expected.

Mutations are copying mistakes that happen when reproduction passes hereditary instructions on to the next generation. Some mutations are beneficial, some harmful.

Kovalchuk cautioned that her team studied only less-critical and less-stable segments of DNA known as microsatellites. But she predicted that key genes responsible for creating proteins would also mutate more quickly than expected.

GOP asks for cut in peacekeeping aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concerned over rapid expansion of U.N. peacekeeping operations, congressional Republicans are pushing budgets that would fall far short of even the reduced share the Clinton administration seeks to pay.

The Congressional Black Caucus is cautioning there would be dire consequences for Africa. The Republican-supported House version of the budget for the new fiscal year excludes Africa from any U.S. peacekeeping assistance.

"The world can't go around without a police department," said Rep. Donald Payne, D-N.J., the caucus chairman.

He spoke at a House International Relations Committee briefing Wednesday on a congressional investigation into how the Clinton administration is determining U.S. support for 14 current U.N. peacekeeping operations.

The caucus, which has 38 members, all Democrats, wrote a letter Sept. 28 to other members of Congress pleading for more support for U.N. peacekeeping, saying such operations are critical for fighting AIDS and promoting economic development and political stability in Africa.

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With U.S. debt now approaching $2 billion in U.N. administrative and peacekeeping dues, House and Senate versions of the budget for fiscal 2001, which began Oct. 1, call for about $500 million. The Clinton administration is asking for $840 million.

The administration proposal would fund 25 percent of peacekeeping. The U.S. share has been just over 30 percent, but Congress required that the share be reduced before payment of the U.S. debt.

On Tuesday, the European Union indicated a willingness to negotiate a slight cut in the U.S. share for peacekeeping but opposed any cut in U.S. payments for U.N. administration.

Last month, the Security Council pledged an overhaul of U.N. peacekeeping operations so troops could respond more quickly and robustly to world trouble spots.

The world body now has 37,000 troops and civilian police deployed from East Timor to Cyprus and Sierra Leone. The cost is expected to reach $2.7 billion for the next 12 months.

Congress' investigative arm, the General Accounting Office, is preparing a report on U.S. support for peacekeeping, but investigators told the International Relations Committee on Wednesday they are having difficulty getting the necessary documents from federal agencies.

The inquiry addresses whether the Clinton administration is giving enough consideration to a presidential directive requiring that any U.S.-supported peacekeeping operations advance American interests and have clear objectives. It also would require a statement whether there are sufficient funds and military resources available to sustain such an operation.

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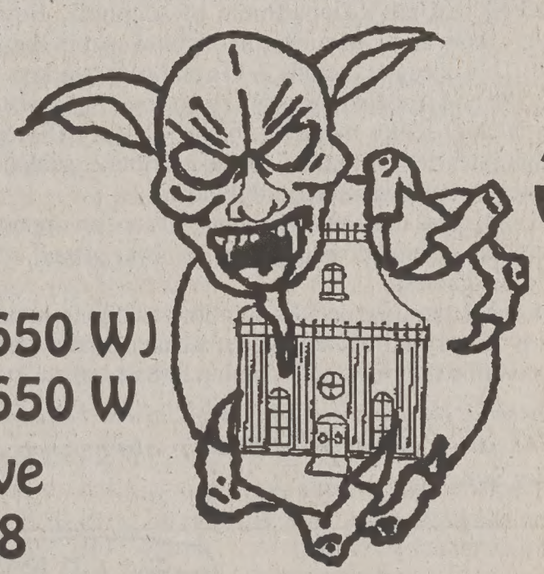

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SLC mayor's fuss taints 2002 sobriety decision

We expect the boys on frat row to describe the connection between "good time" and "alcohol" as "crucial," but not our leaders in city hall.

Yet, Salt Lake City's freshman mayor, Ross (Rocky) Anderson, upon hearing SLOC's president announce his decision to ban alcohol sales and advertising at the city's medals plaza, responded with the same disdain many fraternity members respond with when speaking of a "dry" brotherhood.

From Sydney, Anderson explained, "Crucial to a successful Games is making certain people have a lot of choices in terms of having a good time."

The mayor then went on to reveal exactly what a trip to Sydney has taught him about those who attend Olympic games: "They expect to have a very good time."

Considering its context, Anderson's revelation implies simply that alcohol puts the "very" in "very good time."

This is not the first time Anderson has seemed to laude the virtues of alcohol. His opinion of Utah's "arcane" liquor laws is well publicized, as well as his prediction that if Utah does not change those laws before 2002, it will be a mistake.

Of playing host to Olympic officials at future Olympic parties, Anderson says simply, "We better have alcohol."

Indeed, Anderson's endorsement of a free flowing 2002 has been so enthusiastic, perhaps the new theme "Light the Fire Within" ought to run with the Anheuser-Busch logo alongside — a sort of mayoral tip to those wondering how to ignite that particular flame.

Anderson's implication that the spirit of the Olympics needs alcohol to acquire the necessary potency to entertain the world is a degradation of the true Olympic tradition.

This is not to say there are not valid arguments to counter SLOC's proposal. However, any argument that chains Olympic success to alcohol consumption grossly overexaggerates alcohol's contribution while grossly underestimating the potential of the Games themselves.

Furthermore, though the plaza itself will be dubbed alcohol-free, Olympic patrons will have no trouble finding a drink in the immediate area.

According to Utah's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, there are 126 restaurants, bars and clubs offering alcohol within the plaza's own, and neighboring, zip code. This does not include 7-11s and supermarkets.

And in the end Anderson appears to be creating an issue for his own agenda.

Byron Dickie, senior marketer for the Calgary Olympic Development Association, in a recent interview with the Salt Lake Tribune, said alcohol consumption at the Calgary games in 1988 was surprisingly low.

"People are there to enjoy the events. It's not an opportunity to binge," Dickie said.

We hold that alcohol consumption has never played a "crucial" role in the success of any Olympic games.

And if Salt Lake City decides to allow alcoholic beverages in the medals plaza, we wonder if history will remember it as an attempt to be hospitable or just another attempt to bribe the world into coming to Salt Lake City in 2002.

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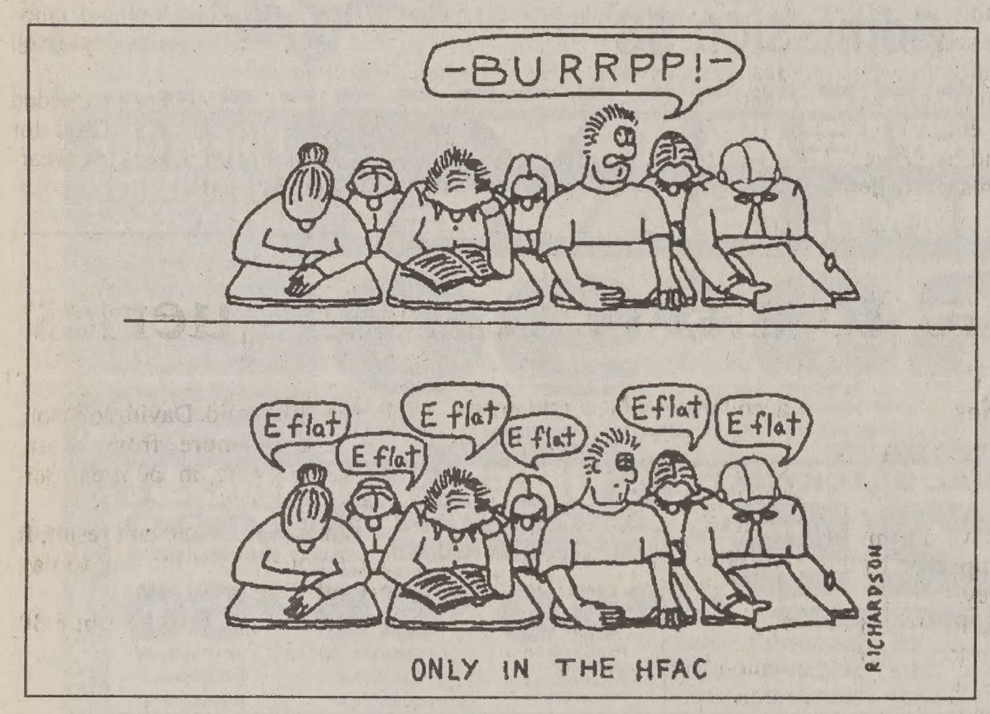

Spend your Homecoming Dance dollars wisely

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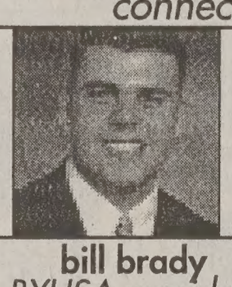

bill brady
BYUSA president

You can imagine how surprised one of our Campus Activities directors was when she called the State Capitol Building in Salt Lake this summer to schedule a Homecoming Dance and was told BYU Homecoming already had it booked.

"Are you sure?" she probably asked before receiving the final confirmation from the scheduling agent: "Yes, it says so right here."

Left to assume that her volunteers were really on the ball, plans proceeded in preparing the State Capitol Building as one of BYUSA's exciting venues for Homecoming Dances this year on Oct. 20 and 21.

But unfortunately, the month of September brought news that we had been duped.

Indeed, the Capitol Building was scheduled for "BYU Homecoming," but had been booked by a private party, positioning itself to pounce on the huge cash cow that awaits.

Cash cow, you wonder? In the course of two nights the Capitol can accommodate roughly 5,400 people. Multiply that number by $20 a couple, and you can see that there is some money to be made in this venture: roughly $54,000.

Now, I don't want to seem like a Communist here, although, being Canadian, I've heard the accusation before. I recognize that a free market society is fuelled by competing parties pursuing their respective self-interests.

But understand that I am concerned with students' interests.

Students are not served by private enterprise seeking to fatten its pockets and get gain by piggy-backing on BYU school events. BYUSA, on the other hand, uses its Homecoming revenues to provide the student body with activities throughout the year.

Students' favorite parties, such as Fall Fling and Spring Fling, both of which invariably draw estimated crowds of 25,000 students, would not be possible and would not be free of charge without monies collected through Homecoming and Preference dances.

When approached by the BYUSA Homecoming Dance committee, the private organizers of the Capitol "Homecoming" admitted that their actions were potentially "misleading." They book their dance on the same dates as BYU; they advertise in The Daily Universe; they distribute fliers to BYU-approved housing complexes.

Much to their credit, they complied with changes requested for their Universe ad. Whereas the ad originally bore the headline "Homecoming 2000," they clearly added their name and indicated that the event was not BYU-sponsored. They also changed the claim that BYU standards would be enforced to "LDS standards encouraged."

Regrettably, the thousands of fliers they plastered across south campus contained no such changes.

The purpose of this column is not to ask students to boycott the pseudo-Homecoming dance at the Capitol; I probably couldn't get away with that. Rather, it is to let students know that as a non-BYU-sponsored event, BYU dress standards will not be enforced at the Capitol. Furthermore, it is to allow students the opportunity to decide where their Homecoming Dance dollars go.

One option is to just give our money away by supporting the Capitol Building "Homecoming" gala of greed. A better option is to attend one of nine fantastic (and genuine) Homecoming Dances organized by BYU and invest in student activities that will happen throughout the year.

I know where I'll be.

BYUSA President Bill Brady can be reached at bill_brady@byu.edu.

THE LORD KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT-- IF HE TELLS ME TO NOT DO SOMETHING, THROUGH HIS PROPHET, THEN I OUGHT TO DO IT.
I DON'T KNOW, I MEAN, IT'S SUCH A DEEP QUESTION; MULTIPLE EARRINGS? TATTOES? I JUST DON'T KNOW!
I DIDN'T COME TO THIS UNIVERSITY TO BE TOLD WHAT I CAN OR CAN'T DO! I'LL WEAR WHAT I WANT AND DO WHAT I WANT!
THERE YOU HAVE IT-- REACTIONS FROM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. THIS IS DAN SMITH, SIGNING OFF---
SOAPBOX
SOAPBOX
CHRIS DEAVER

READERS' FORUM

Phone courtesy

Dear Editor,

Courtesy phones are wonderful for those of us without cell phones. We are grateful they are there for our use, so we don't have to run around trying to find a pay phone while searching our backpacks for 35 cents. But why is it that some people seem to take advantage of this service? Why are there always extremely long lines for the courtesy telephones? No one seems to read the signs above every phone that tell us to limit calls to three minutes. Either no one understands what "courtesy" means, or people are just rude. What I don't understand is why people make call after call while others are waiting in line. I think students should be a little more courteous when using the courtesy phones.

Anne Reeve
Portland, Ore.

Immodest book bags?

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to a letter printed Tuesday titled "Attractive Modesty." I have two points to make.

The first is that one of the issues mentioned in the letter was "the defining single-strap book bag worn across the chest." I just have to say that the manner in which one chooses to carry his or her books has nothing to do with personal modesty and little to do with being worldly. I don't know if you've read your "For Strength of Youth" pamphlet lately, but I am pretty sure it doesn't say "Thou shalt not purchase or utilize a single-strap book bag that might send wrong messages to the opposite gender." Good grief! Are we going to have to stop wearing seat belts that come across the chest too?

The second point that I would like to make is that people need to police themselves. The Honor Code is an issue of personal integrity. We all signed it and are all well aware of what it entails. It's a matter of PERSONAL integrity.

Gentlemen, stop giving your unsolicited advice concerning our apparel. You make more of a negative impact on us when you criticize — you come across as judgmental and unable to control your own thoughts. A louder statement would be to not date the girls that dress "inappropriately." But since I don't see that happening, I hardly think any of you have a point. Be mature. Get your mind out of the gutter and calm down. My one single-strap book bag was not meant to distract your "pure" minds.

Stephanie Davis
Kirkland, Wash.

Turn off the violence

Dear Editor,

In this election year, politicians are scrambling to prove themselves as the champions of that which is good. Recently members from both parties started to pressure Hollywood to stop marketing violent entertainment to children. While I support the cause, I'm afraid that legislators are not the people who can make a difference.

Inspiring values in the nation's children needs to start in the nation's homes. Washington leaning on Hollywood is not going to solve the problem. Teen-agers will watch the movies and play the video games they want. Legislators can make all the laws they'd like to convince their constituents that they are committed to family values but they can't stop kids from seeking out violent entertainment. The fact is that Hollywood will produce what the country wants to see.

As members of society, we need to recognize the problem and do our part to stop perpetuating it.

Turn Off the Violence Day, sponsored Oct. 5 by the Utah Council for Crime Prevention, gives us the perfect chance to start the process. So today, let's refuse to watch any form of media with violent content.

Jeff Harris
Issaquah, Wash.

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Venture past passivity

Dear Editor,

I want to commend those in the Arabic community at BYU for speaking out against the violence in the Middle East and encouraging students to read more about this bloody fight between the Palestinians and Israelis.

Unfortunately, so many students here are so hyper-focused that they are seemingly preoccupied with "better things" to think about or are completely disinterested in events outside their realm of vision. It's an amazing world outside this campus. Crazy concept ... I know.

And all those hours spent hovering over books and getting those cute smiley faces next to our test scores don't amount to much if we never venture past our own little bubble of problems. Now don't get me wrong, cantering back and forth on injustices such as parking tickets, rings on statues and skirt slits above the knee are all fascinating topics. My concern is that so many students remain ignorant to events such as this battle in the Middle East.

Is it because of the media's disregard (or bias) toward anything that is contrary to what their "noble" and "morality-driven" political patrons decree? Are we so blinded by their shallow explanations that we cannot grasp the magnitude of these events? Or is it truly because we, as U.S. citizens, are too busy and lack interest?

It is our responsibility and obligation as BYU students, as human beings, to search for truth — to not only learn about world affairs, but to understand them. We can no longer view this kind of ignorance with passivity and contentment.

Anna Thompson
Medford, Ore.

Schools need funding

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the editorial in Tuesday's Readers' Forum titled, "Don't commercialize classroom learning." What the editorial basically stated is schools must be "willing to say no even when there's money on the line" to deals with commercial businesses that provide funding in exchange for advertising rights.

While I agree that to commercialize the school setting does not create an optimum learning environment, I know many schools and school districts consider it a necessary evil. To suggest that principals and school board members accept "the lure of easy money" out of some type of greed would be more than unfair. It is only because of the inadequacy of other funding that schools are forced to take this route.

Because both of my parents, as well as my sister-in-law, teach secondary ... tion in Utah, and I have been a st... teacher, I have had the opportuni... the results of years of under-fi... Anyone who has seen the curren... tion of our schools (including th... students at BYU who have fairly ... attended public high schools) can... estly say that our schools are bei... ciently funded.

Understandably, then, the occur... schools accepting funding in ex... for commercial advertising righ... only increase until our schools ar... the money they need.

When this is the kind of situation ... common in our public schools, i... surprising that school administ... should feel it necessary to look ... possible sources of outside fundi... my opinion that until we, as ta... and voters, decide that education i... thing worth our investment, our ... will have to continue as not only ... tional, but as commercial enviro... for their students.

Erin Bennett
Sandy, Salt Lake County

Let pet peeves go

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response ... Reader's Forum article titled "St... Insanity."

First off, I find it surprising that ... can have this level of narrow-mind... toward fellow students. Writing ... on the sidewalk washes off and ... not be classified as vandalism. Ins... whining about some sidewalk ... advertisements, perhaps we coul... on the bright side and congratula... high level of school spirit that is ... demonstrated by these signs.

Second, labeling the people that ... to X-96 and have wedding ring ha... when it comes to the statues on c... as evil is nothing short of a judg... overstatement. And labeling peop... wear socks with their sandals ... doers" isn't judgmental? Just b... they don't have the same style ... majority isn't a qualification f... Last time I read the scriptures, th... didn't say, "Woe unto those that ... socks with their sandals, for they sh... thrust down to hell." Apparently, s... us need to get over our insignifica... peeves and start appreciating the ... ences in our student body.

I would like to make a new propo... students want to write "Go Couga... the sidewalk, let them. If students ... to wear socks with their sandal... them. If they think the statues on c... should have wedding rings, let th... they want to listen to X-96, let ... Punishing people for such actio... hardly Christlike and is, in fact, l... more toward totalitarianism. A univ... is supposed to be a place where p... with different tastes and opinions ... together and share their unique e... ences to make the student body be... a whole.

Let's try to be a little more open-... ed when it comes to something as ... as sock wearing, honestly.

James K. Fisher
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Job rush

YU students impress at career fair

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panies involved in sday's career fair found ts prepared and enthusias-

areer fair is a great oppor- for recruiters to meet with ts and help students e familiar with the compa- aid Karlyn Norton, human e manager for Xactware ation Services, Inc. ware was one of the more 50 companies that partici- n this year's fair.

J is a great school to recruit said Lori E. Wolper, ing manager of Enterprise car. "They cultivate students here to what we are looking for."

The career fair this year was a first for many companies, including Del Webb Communication, Inc., said Michele Ferren, a human resource assistant for Del Webb.

"We had one recruiting trip in February, and we were so impressed with the caliber of students BYU has that we came back," Ferren said.

Companies are looking for students with leadership skills, drive and high energy. People who are competitive and can multi-task are also needed.

"BYU is one of the best career fairs," Norton said. "The only one that comes close is Utah State University's."

Xactware has participated in the career fair for more than 10 years. They come back every year because of the talent and friendliness of students and faculty.

"We love coming back because BYU shows that they want you here and make it worth your while," Norton said.

BYU's fair stands out when compared to career fairs across the nation.

"The students here are the best dressed, very prepared, they have the highest GPA's, and are well exposed to many companies," said Debbie Herd, college relations manager with JCPenney.

JCPenney is involved with similar fairs across the nation, including Utah State University and University of Utah.

Mary Lawrence/Daily Universe

Students walk among company displays at Wednesday's Career Fair in the Wilkinson Center.

om cheap candy to cheap suits, extravaganza beckons job seekers

by pete thunell
World/National Editor

nesday, my fellow cowork- and I were lured down to reer Fair after seeing some cool toys another coworker ored, including a talking at lit up when thrown. I originally planning on to the fair, chiefly because erating under the same assumption that I do when es to women — that if I around, the job and/or will magically come to

nd large, I found the fair to ke a very messed up veen. You go from table to trying to get candy without ople noticing.

with this twisted brand of r-treating, if you make the e of making eye contact e candy distributor, you're in for the next 20 minutes.

Unless, of course, you are armed with my own secret weapon: a communications degree. It's surprising how fast the companies smile and let you leave with your candy when they hear the words "communications major."

Some companies had the kind of hard-to-distinguish-what-flavor-it-is cheap bulk candies that your grandmother keeps for five years in the cupboard, but I noticed everyone was steering clear of those booths.

One company decided they weren't going to give out gifts or candy, but they made such a big deal about it. There were signs all over their booth that said things like, "No gifts here. No way. Don't even bother asking. Nada." Their proposed lack of a gimmick came across as pretty darn gimmicky all by itself.

One of the first things that struck me at the fair was how intimidated I automatically was of the suit students, who we usually keep stashed away in the Tanner Building, away from the rest of us t-shirt-and-jeans-wearing society. Just by them having suits to wear, I felt inferior by default. It reminded me a lot of the guys who wear really short shorts at those 10K races. By their attire, you just know you're going to get whooped.

Still, I felt classier than a few guys I saw who I'm pretty sure were wearing a little makeup to look smooth. You'd think they'd have learned after Tuesday's debate, where Gore's rouge made him look like a backup singer for Cyndi Lauper.

I wasn't too worried about the whole fair, though. In case no one noticed, there were no newspapers there looking for workers. That's because newspapers would much rather watch us peons grovel to them, write the obituaries and/or gardening advice column and then maybe get a real job covering Lindon City Council meetings a few years down the road.

While wandering around the Career Fair, a few things made me wonder. First, what were the armed forces doing there? Didn't we go through this in high school? I just dropped over 10 grand for my education and now they want me to join the Army? What am I getting enticed with, being ordered around by 20-year-olds who haven't finished college yet? I say to the armed forces, let it go. If we didn't join before college we sure aren't going to now.

I was also fascinated by the sheer number of students crowded around the CIA booth. Apparently the pains of having to set up assasinations and never getting to talk about work to your spouse is greatly offset by finally getting to use the language you learned on your mission for work. Of course, you're using your mission language to spy on the country where you served, but, heck, you'll get to visit now and then.

There were also a bunch of companies there that are retail chains like Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Target, etc. While I'm sure these companies were offering great management positions, you know that when people hear you're working at one of these places, they naturally assume that you're smiling and passing out shopping carts.

As I began to peruse the various jobs offered, I started to notice that I automatically qualified for a bunch of jobs right off the bat. All over the place there were signs that said, "U.S. citizens only." As long as they didn't dig too far into my past and my mother's dabbling in Canadianism in the '50s and '60s, I figured I was set.

That is, until I saw the brochures for the National Security Agency, which said "Survival of the Smartest." This really depressed me since it's been six years since I've taken a math class. Finding out the railroad companies only wanted sales reps and not engineers to drive the trains depressed me even more.

All in all, the job fair succeeded in making me greatly afraid for my future. Next time, I'm wearing a suit for sure.

cture to highlight photos Northern Cheyenne women

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ents can see the world h the eyes of Northern ne women today in a lec- nsored by the Women's ch Institute.

ographs of Northern ne Women, a presentation stant professor of sociolo- ol Ward, promises to give ht look into the mind and of a Northern Cheyenne and into one's own soul.

who has published sever- ies on the subject of an Indians, will display search and findings of a sponsored by the BYU 's Research Institute. The lecture will be at noon in 325 SWKT.

The project began when Ward and her research team gave disposable cameras to Northern Cheyenne women with the instructions to take pictures of what mattered most in their lives.

After the photos were taken and developed, copies were offered to the women.

The researchers then conducted interviews and looked at the pictures with each woman.

At the same time, they discussed what each woman had photographed and why it was meaningful to her.

At the study's end, research proved that women of different cultures share similar values, Ward said.

Scott Pereira/Daily Universe

Carol Ward, assistant professor of sociology, will discuss her findings on photography of Northern Cheyenne women today.

Alumni to answer career queries

By Michael Davies
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NewsNet Staff Writer

Some students have dreams of making a global impact and others just want money.

Whether its fun, fame or fortune, most want to learn secrets to make their lives successful.

The Student Alumni Network invited several distinguished Brigham Young University graduates back to interview with students.

In these meetings, called the Alumni Connection Conference, the Cougars ask the questions.

This fall's Alumni Connection includes two corporate vice-presidents, an award-winning photojournalist, a professional musician and singer, two accountants and an Olympian.

The Alumni Connection Conference began as a way for students to find mentors in their professions.

The conference was organized in conjunction with the Marriott School of Management and is targeted mainly at juniors and seniors growing closer to graduation.

"We want to connect students with alumni and help them plan for the future," said Britney Buckley, 21, a senior from Rupert, Idaho, majoring in human development. Buckley is also the vice-chair of the Student Alumni Network in charge of The Alumni Connection.

Students can ask questions that apply to real life, said Buckley.

It is important to remember students are in school to succeed in real life, said David Johnson, 23, a sophomore from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in political science.

"When you see the end result, it helps you survive the day to day struggle," Johnson said.

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Seminar tackles marriage, relationship expectation

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In the movies, girls swoon as boys boldly introduce themselves. They date blissfully, get married and live happily ever after.

Real life, though, sometimes proves different.

LDS songwriter and motivational speaker John Canaan aims to help single BYU students develop healthy dating and marital relationships.

Through seminars around Utah each week, he helps students and others rely upon the Lord, Canaan said.

Developing healthy dating relationships and consequently, healthy marriages, can be a challenge, Canaan said.

Canaan said he tries to help singles overcome their doubts and insecurities in dating through his seminar, "Sending the Right Message."

"When you know Heavenly Father loves you and you know the worth of your own soul," Canaan said, "then you're not as inclined to send a message of self-doubt."

It is easy to accept someone's intimacy and involvement without the commitment that makes it good, right and productive, he said.

> "LDS couples turn too quickly to world answers, which don't solve covenant problems."
> — Guy Dorius, BYU professor of church history and doctrine

Joani Pearson, from Riverton, Salt Lake County, participated in the seminar.

"I would have had different experiences if I had taken the chance to really find out that Heavenly Father loves me," she said.

Canaan teaches principles such as accepting your stage in life, dating only people you are genuinely interested in and being your best.

"Sending the right message means sending the message that you are a child of God, worth the relationship you want," Canaan said.

A BYU professor of church history and doctrine, Guy Dorius teaches an LDS marriage and family relations course.

He said couples today face increased pressure not to marry, and those couples that do marry often face many challenges.

"LDS couples turn too quickly to world answers, which don't solve covenant problems," he said. "The complete living of the gospel is the only way to be successful in marriage."

Elizabeth Stewart, 24, a ju... from San Bernardino, C... majoring in elementary ed... tion, said she takes dating... seriously.

Stewart said she somet... feels pressure to be marr... which leads her to overana... her relationships.

"But I've noticed that when... closer to the Lord, I am abl... have closer relationships ... other people," Stewart said.

Phil Hogan, from West Jor... Salt Lake County, attended ... seminar and said, "I wish ... known and practiced these th... years ago."

Reptile shows given for freshman credit

By Amorie Sheen
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Educating, entertaining and getting class credit while playing with snakes is the experience 30 Freshman Academy students are getting at the Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum.

As a part of the Freshman Academy Biology 100 class, students who volunteer at the Bean museum do research and show various types of animals and insects to audiences.

Freshman Academy students are required to do eight hours of community service in a semester.

This is the first year the Freshman Academy biology class has required the community service time.

Not all of the students are happy about the new requirement.

Meradeth Buck, 18, a freshman from Woodland, Calif., majoring in archaeology, said Freshman Academy has taken more of a time commitment than she anticipated.

Although Buck said she enjoys doing the museum shows, she said she does not feel that community service should be an obligation.

Theresa Rehder, 18, a freshman from Los Gatos, Calif., who has an open major, said she thinks it is a good opportunity to learn more about biology.

The students are given general training about how to put on a show.

"They've been really self-motivated," said Kellie McMullin, the project coordinator for the Freshman Academy service learning.

In addition to the shows, the students can also volunteer their time in the reptile room, home to about 15 live reptiles, McMullin said.

The students are taught to care for the reptiles, feeding them and cleaning their cages.

Saturday Safari is another volunteer opportunity for the freshmen.

There are two shows every evening. The first show is at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the second show is at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday there is a show at 1:30 p.m.

Some of the topics for the shows are mammals, birds, insects, animal adaptations and venomous animals.

The shows are free and run through the end of October.

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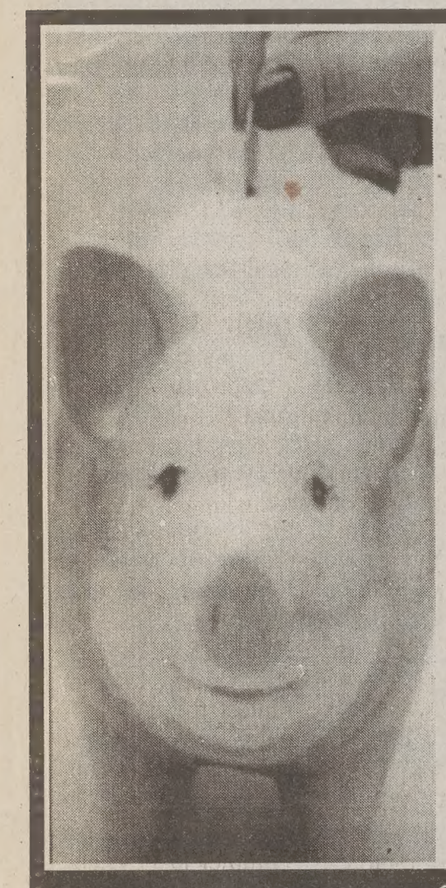
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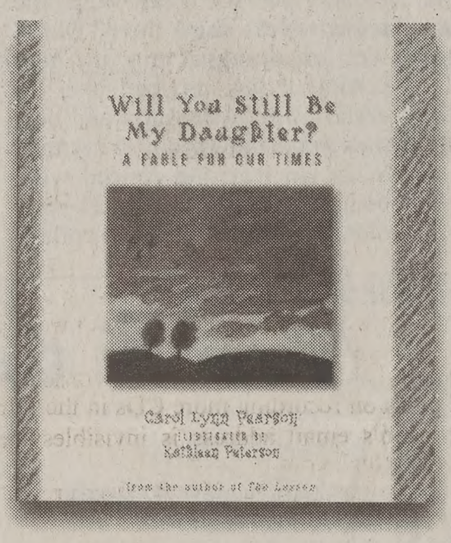
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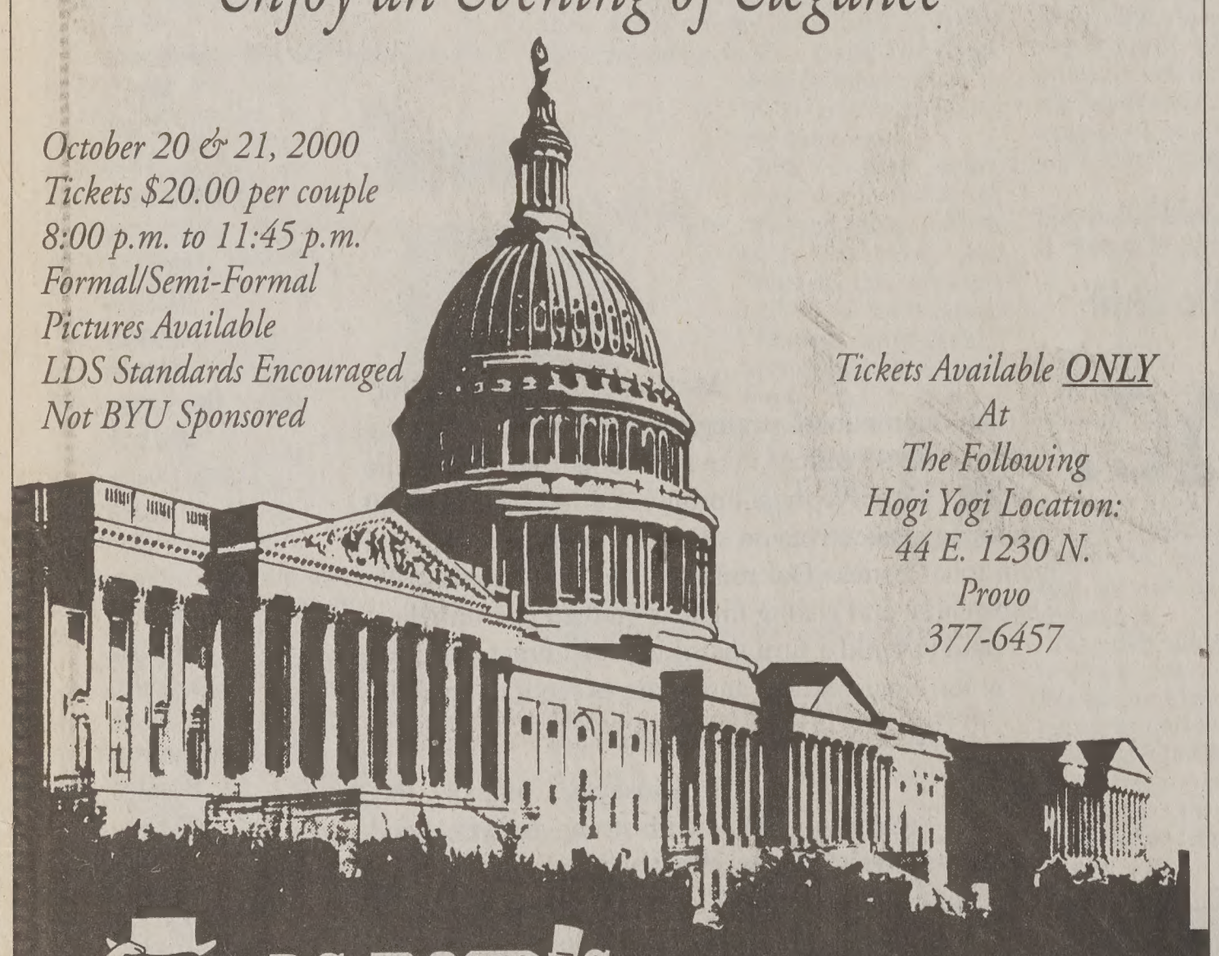
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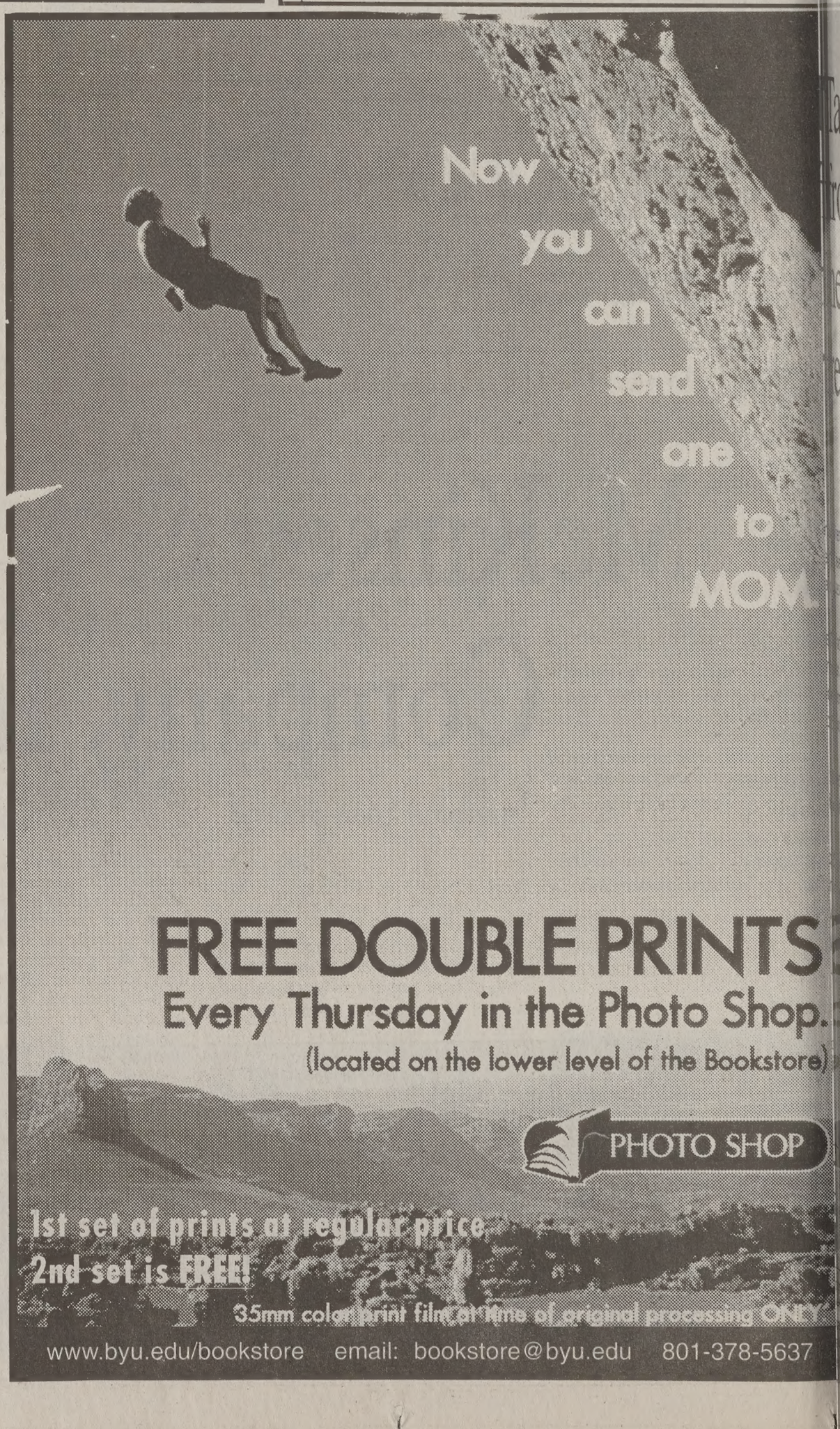

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YU audience etiquette important to performers

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Staff Writer

g in line, fighting crowds ring for tickets can be but the thought of actu- nding a music or dance nance causes even more or some students.

students are less knowl- about what to do during than students at other ties, said David M. director of the BYU of Music.

ts are more accustomed ng bands play in parks ey can talk and have fun. n they enter a concert n do not shift gears, said bey, 25, a senior from , Colo., majoring in mposition.

opular style concert, such thesis," talking, singing ping to the music may be tate, but classical concerts he same, Randall said.

oncert experience would be enhanced if audience members follow a few simple rules, according to a handout from the BYU dance department.

At a classical music or dance concert the audience should not clap until the end of the composition, Randall said.

Sometimes the end of a composition can be confusing when the composition has multiple movements. In this case the audience should follow the program and watch the conductor, he said.

Randall recommends watching someone who has had more concert experience.

"If in doubt, don't clap," he said.

Talking during a concert is a concern for audience members and performers.

"There should be no talking except between pieces," Randall said.

Any kind of noise or whispering is disruptive to those trying to enjoy the performance, Sabey said.

Audiences attending ticketed events should dress in Sunday best, Randall said.

Dressing up "gives the evening a special flavor and serves as a measure of respect to the performer," according to the dance department handout.

Eating should be limited to the foyer area.

Candy wrappers should only be opened between pieces, Randall said.

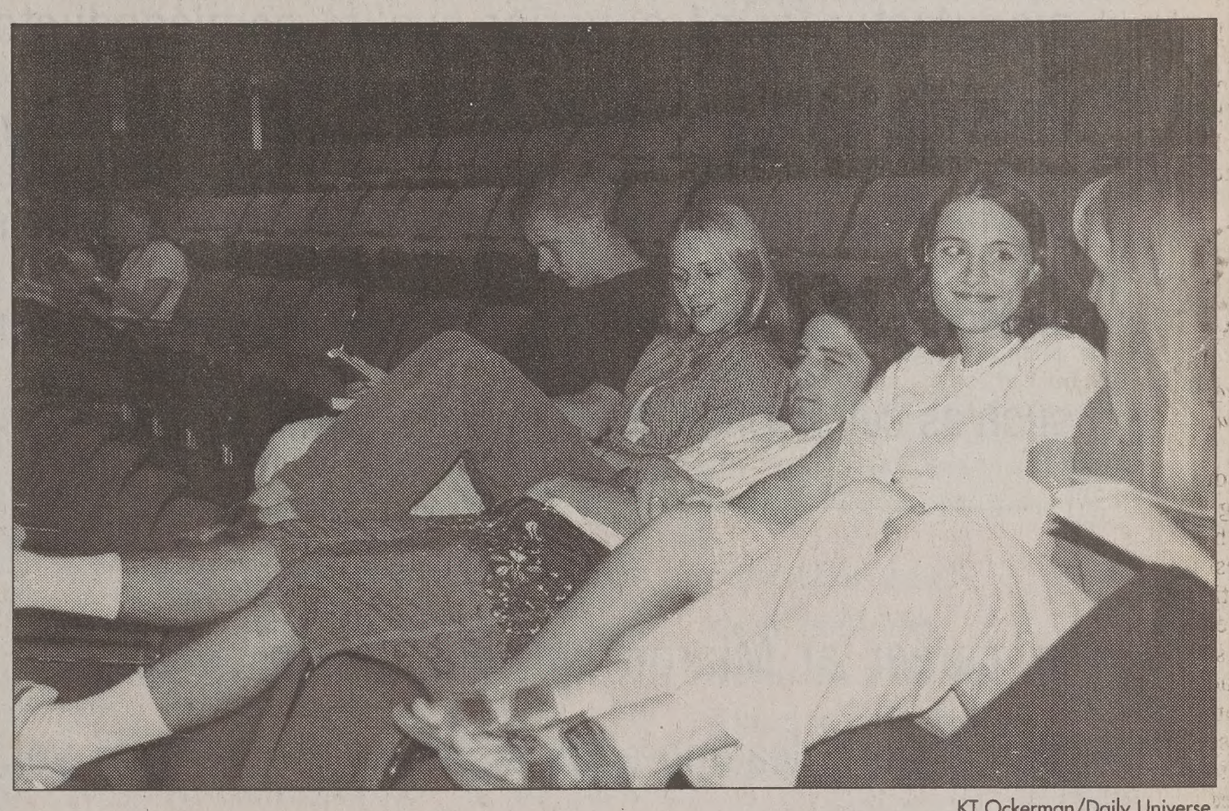
One of the biggest problems at BYU is people coming in late, Sabey said.

Audience members should arrive 10 minutes before the performance is scheduled to begin, Randall said.

When attending an opera or ballet, it is wise to arrive 20 minutes early to have time to read through the program notes before the performance starts, Randall said.

If people arrive after the show has started, they should enter between movements or wait until the entire composition is finished, he said.

"Never enter in the middle of a picce," Randall said.



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Freshman Cliffy Parkinson, center, lounges with his friends Tyler Ellgen, Kelly Hill, Alicia Bellessa and Anna Siebaih before Tuesday night's production of "Sy's Girl."

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Staff Writer

three brothers at BYU formed a band ear- year, they borrowed a name from the '80s Three Amigos."

Russ and Bryan Elkins, from Fallon, nake up a group called the Invisible men.

Elkins, 22, a sophomore who has not l a major and the youngest brother in aid their first performance was at a band tion at freshman orientation in 1999. It ir first success as a group because they it place.

ere totally surprised at the great response e gave us," Russ said.

Elkins, 24, a senior majoring in microbi- s the lead singer and rhythm guitarist of lp. He said after they won the Guitar Wars tion at the orientation they played a f small shows in apartments and for dif- rds.

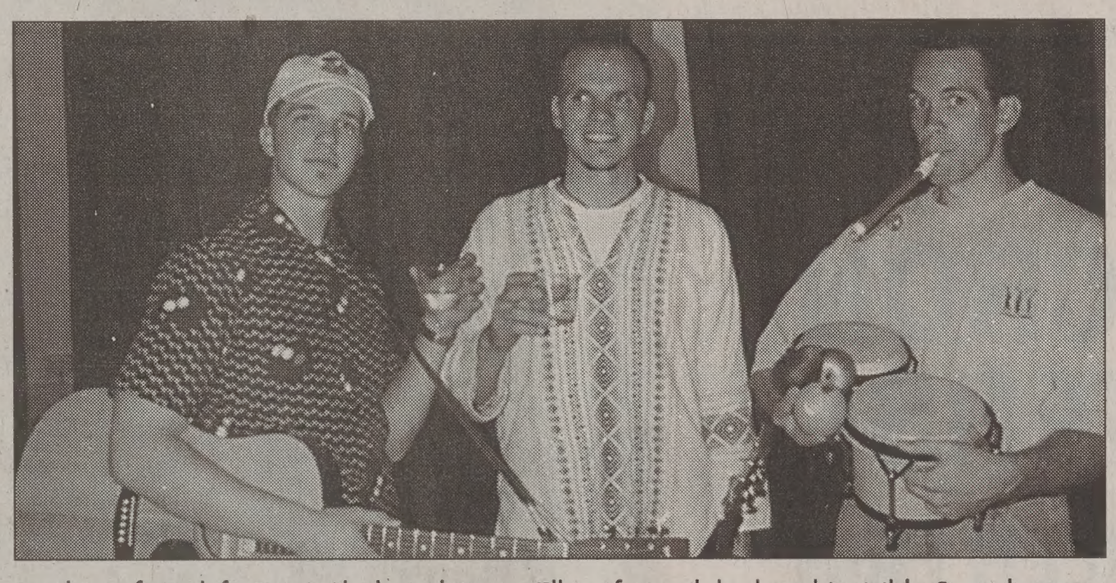
said he and Russ have been playing gui- writing songs together for years and have ently included their oldest brother Bryan in the band as a percussionist.

Bryan Elkins, 27, a BYU graduate with a bachelor's degree in music composition, was happy to spend time with his younger brothers and share his talents with the group with his music background.

"What makes us unique? First of all we're three brothers that gig together, and I feel that each of us brings unique talent to the group," Bryan said. "Another thing that makes us stand out is that we try to vary our music in ways that other groups often overlook."

The Invisible Swordsmen have recorded a CD and plans on recording more CDs in the future. The band's email address is invisiblesword-men@hotmail.com.

"We play because we love it. That's really all there is to it," Russ said.



Brothers, from left, Russ, Clark and Bryan Elkins formed the band Invisible Swordsmen in 1999. The name was inspired by the movie "Three Amigos."

County buys trestle to save band's symbol

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Talk about the passion. In a victory for fans of R.E.M., the county has voted to buy an abandoned train trestle featured on the back of the band's breakthrough album and save it from demolition.

At a packed meeting that stretched to 1 a.m. Thursday, Athens-Clarke County commissioners voted 9-1 to pay CSX Transportation $25,000 for the trestle.

Pictured on R.E.M.'s "Murmur" album, the trestle is part of a series of landmarks treasured by fans of the Athens-based rock group. The structures "came to symbolize the mythology of R.E.M. and the town that R.E.M. lives in," said 21-year-old Ethan Kaplan, owner of an unofficial Web site devoted to the band.

Kaplan, a student at the University of California San Diego, had posted the e-mail address of Athens-Clarke County Mayor Doc Eldridge on the site, urging fans to protest the planned destruction of the trestle.

"I have been inundated with e-mails," said Eldridge, who supports the preservation. "People from literally all over the world are wanting to help."

The mayor obtained a $5,000 option this summer to buy the partially dismantled trestle.

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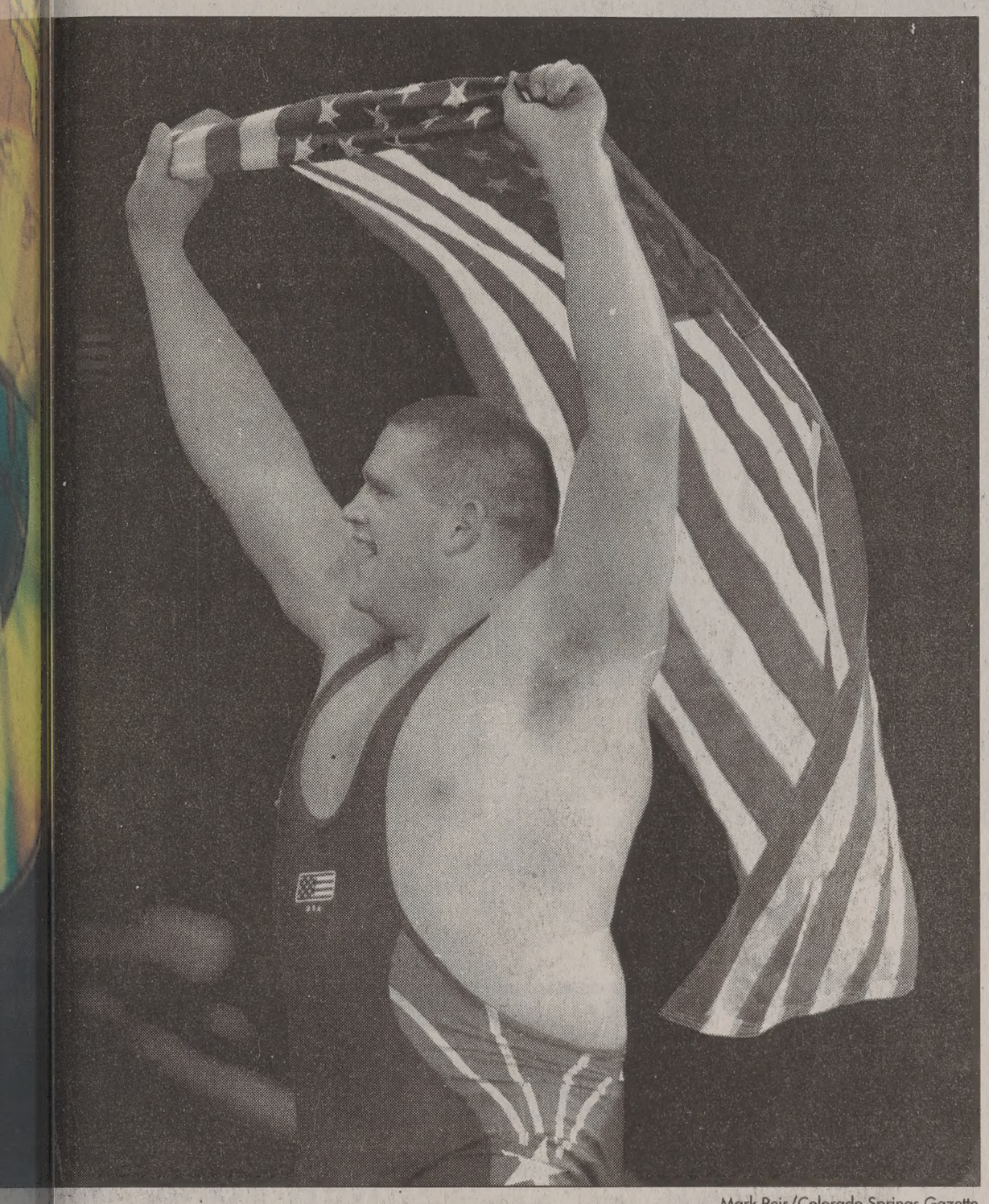

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C. Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner celebrates his upset win over Alexandre Kareline of Russian Republic Sept. 27 at the Olympics. Gardner broke Kareline's undefeated streak for gold medal.

Wrestler leaves imprint, size and smile

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The existence of a man 6 feet 2 inches tall, and 287 pounds is unmistakable.

His presence leaves an indelible impression wherever he goes.

And while Rulon Gardner may never be able to blend in with the crowd, it will not only be because of his unique size, but because of his unparalleled accomplishment.

In the span of five days, a lifetime of sweat and hard work culminated in a gold medal for himself and the U.S., then came the honor of bearing his nation's flag at the closing ceremonies of the Sydney Olympic games.

It might have seemed as though he demanded the right to lead his countrymen home on this night, but, on the contrary, he earned it.

In what may be arguably the greatest upset in Olympic history, Gardner fought off Alexandre Kareline of the Russian Federation, the three-time defending Olympic champion, a man who had not been defeated in over a decade, to secure himself a place in sports history.

Surprisingly enough though, Gardner, this mountain size of man, was not the type that was expected to accomplish such feat. He had never even won a world medal or an NCAA title. However, it is not necessarily past performance that determines the outcome of any single Olympic event, but rather the sheer will to win.

Ask Bob Christensen, Gardener's wrestling coach at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, if he thought Gardner had a chance to win, and he'll concur that Gardener's chances were slim.

"I never expected that anything like the Olympic gold medal would happen for him," Christenesen said. "But he was one of the most hard working guys that I have ever coached. I'm just tickled to death that he was able to do it and bring a lot of notoriety to wrestling."

Although his collegiate career at Nebraska never produced the kinds of results that would be indicative of an Olympic champion, Gardner's wrestling career at Ricks College showed that he was capable of achieving great things in wrestling. As a freshman at Ricks he placed third nationally in the junior college ranks, and during his sophomore year he earned a 50-1 record while winning a JCH National Heavyweight championship.

> "I bet Rulon that I could hold him down. He was like trying to hold down a pick-up truck."
> — Bob Christensen, Gardner's coach at Ricks

"I bet Rulon his sophomore year that I could hold him down," Christensen said. "I couldn't do it though, he was like trying to hold down a pick-up truck."

It was much the opposite for Kareline in the gold medal match on the twenty-seventh of September when it seemed nearly impossible for him to budge Gardner from his strong stance.

And he stands strong in more than just the wrestling arena.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gardner is quick to acknowledge his belief in God and recognizes his abilities as a blessing.

After defeating Kareline, Gardner said in an interview with the media that he was grateful that he had been born with the talent and ability to wrestle.

So what is left for Gardner now that he has achieved the pinnacle of his sport and become known both nationally and worldwide?

"Well we're trying to get him to make an appearance at our homecoming here at Ricks. Then I think it will be time for Rulon to get on with his life," Christensen said.

The first Utah woman to win Olympic gold came home to Taylorsville this week. See story on page 11.

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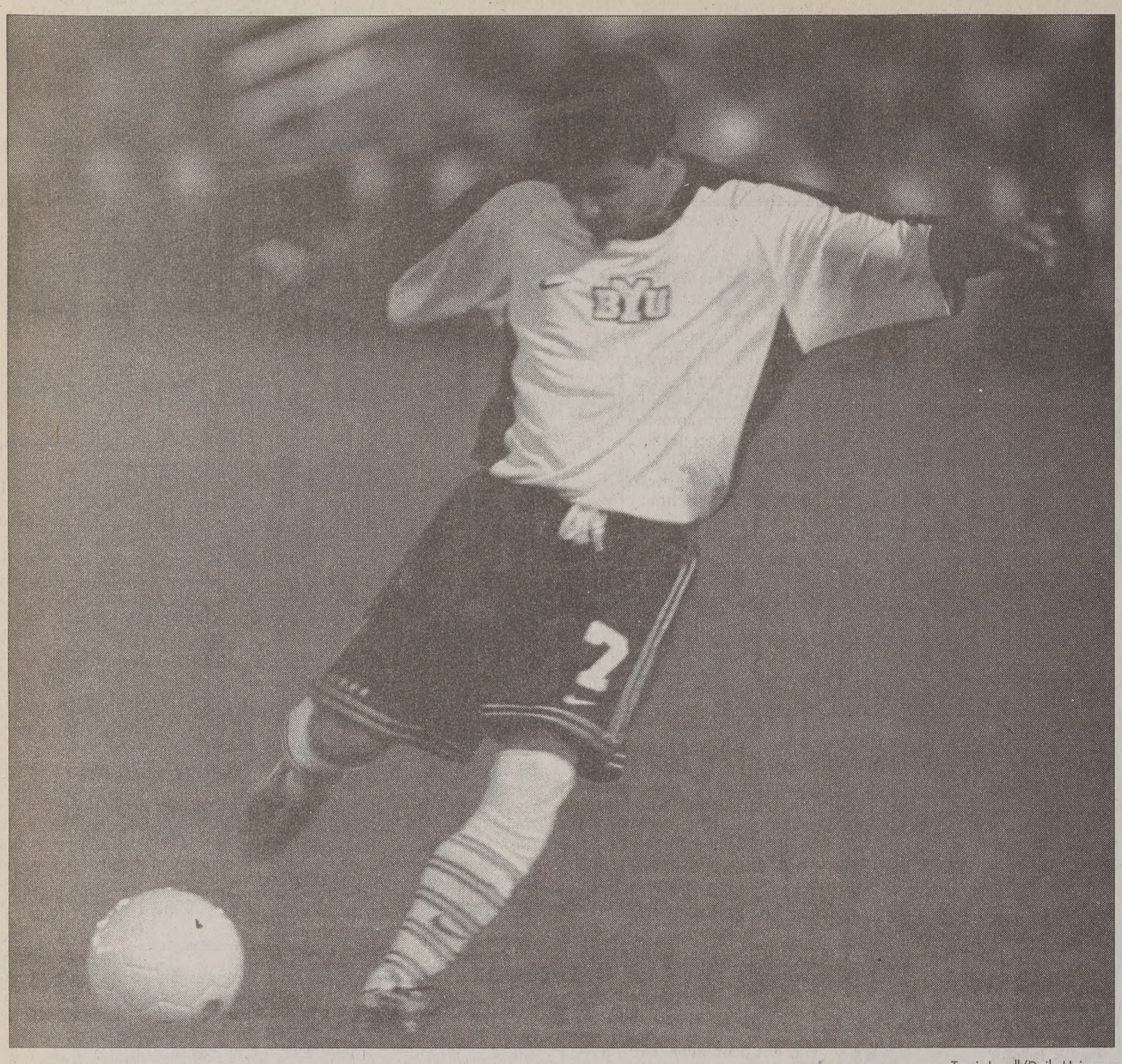

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Daniel Yescas scores his second goal against Colorado State last weekend. The shot was the game-winning goal in a 4-3 victory for the Cougars.

Giants beat NY in playoff battle

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Livan Hernandez was his usual post-season self. Barry Bonds was a different man.

Hernandez held the Mets to five hits over 7 2-3 innings and Bonds fought back his playoff demons with an RBI triple and a key single as the San Francisco Giants beat New York 5-1 Wednesday.

Ellis Burks hit a three-run homer.

Hernandez wasn't dominant, but he picked up where he left off in the postseason three years ago. Hernandez retired the Mets' first seven hitters and pitched out of two jams, allowing his only run on a sacrifice fly in the third.

Hernandez struck out fiv... walked five, but he go... trouble in the eighth, allow... single by Edgardo Alfonzi... walking Mike Piazza wi... out.

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Bonds' triple during San... cisco's four-run third rico... crazily off the wall in ... scoring Bill Mueller. Aft... Kent walked, Burks hit ... drive to left that clanged ... pole.

Men's tennis hits the cou...

By Anne Hansen
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The men's tennis team is looking to get home-court advantage this week in its pre-season start.

The Cougars are hosting an invitational tournament Thursday through Saturday at the outdoor tennis courts.

Coach Jim Osborne said he is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I like the team chemistry this year," he said. "They're a close group of guys."

Boise State, the University of Utah, Utah State, Weber State and the University of Michigan will be attending the tournament.

The tennis team held a ... tournament open to mal... students last week.

The top two finishers ... playing this week in the ... round.

"This is kind of a learnin... for us, to see where w... Osborne said.

"The goal in the fall is ... how you're going to play ... the season."

Junior Gert Vilms from ... Estonia said he sees this ... ment as a jumping off point ... rest of the season.

"You want to have a goo... he said. "You always want ... well in the first tournament ...

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Player puts unique spin on Y soccer

By Jeffrey Blackmun
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BYU soccer star, Daniel Yescas uses his feet like Houdini to evade defenders and become every goalkeeper's worst nightmare.

He is known as "The Mexican Machine" because he can't be stopped.

And he never stops.

Between soccer, work and education, Yescas has only a few precious moments of free time each day. His tired eyes tell his story.

"Right now it's tough, but when I get my diploma it will all be worth it," Yescas said.

Indeed, Yescas' view of life is quite different from the average player both on and off the field.

As a 19-year-old, Yescas came to Provo from Sonora, Mexico. He then enrolled in BYU's English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

After joining The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and working hard to master the language, Yescas was accepted to BYU and began to play soccer.

Not only has Yescas worked hard to learn English, but he also works to support himself. Because the BYU men's soccer team is an extramural sport, none of the players receive scholarships.

Yescas worked all summer at BYU, painting campus curbs red. During the season, he works the late night shift on the Richards Building custodial crew.

"Daniel is very humble and unassuming. He's a hard worker ,and he goes about everything without much fanfare," said John Graves, Yescas' supervisor at Activities Support.

So what does "The Mexican Machine" plan to do in the future?

"One day I would like to play professional soccer. I've been dreaming of playing in the pros since I was 5 or 6," Yescas said.

Playing professionally should be no problem for this man of extraordinary talent, said his BYU coach.

"He could be a professional right now," BYU coach Chris Watkins said.

"He's incredibly creative. He sees things that other players don't see."

Yescas began playing soccer when he was 4. His uncle taught him the game on Sunday afternoons.

"Growing up, my uncle was my hero because he played soccer," Yescas said.

As he grew older his love for the game continued to increase. By the time he was 15 he had already tried out for two professional teams in Mexico, only to get cut. But Yescas kept playing the game he loves.

"I love soccer. It's in my blood and I can't take it out of my body," Yescas said.

At BYU his love for the game has become contagious. His Latin style has influenced the whole team, teammate Spencer Viernes said.

His style and friendly personality has also attracted the attention of Provo's large Latin population.

"Soccerwise, he's one of the most famous Latin people in the community," Watkins said.

In a time when athletes are often seen as conceited and cocky, Yescas is the epitome of humility.

"He has all the skill in the world and the last thing he wants to do is talk about himself," Watkins said.

Viernes said he agreed.

"You've got to get him out of his shell, but then he's very outgoing."

Through all the changes Yescas has undergone, his family has been his biggest support.

"It's so helpful to live with my brother and sister. I couldn't make it without them," he said.

Armed with an education and outstanding soccer skills, Yescas' future as a leader seems assured.

"He could be playing soccer in Mexico, but instead he's getting an education to help himself in the future," Watkins said. "If he goes back to Mexico he'll be a great church leader as well."

Even though Yescas is the leading scorer for the Cougars, no one would know it. He just loves to play, make good passes, score goals and win.

"He's so good that he can take the team on his back when we need it," Watkins said. "Hopefully he can lead us to a national cham-

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ard Dawn Staley, left, and forward Natalie Williams celebrate their gold medal in Sydney O. Williams is the first woman from Utah to bring home an Olympic gold medal.

Starzz player returns with pride as Utah's first woman to win gold

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Natalie Williams accomplished something that no other female athlete from Utah achieved in the twentieth century — a gold medal.

Williams is returning to her home of Taylorsville from Sydney, Australia, with a gold medal from the Olympic summer games dangling around her neck.

Williams played for the U.S. women's basketball, which defeated Australia in front of the home crowd 76–54.

But this unparalleled achievement, while remarkable for the state of Utah, also brings with it special meaning for one of its communities.

"It was so exciting for the people of our city to see Natalie on their television screens, and then to have the name of Taylorsville appearing just below her image," Taylorsville Mayor Janice Auger said.

"It would have been so easy for them to just put Salt Lake City on there especially since she plays for the Starzz, but they didn't and it really put us on the map."

So in an effort to return the favor to Williams for shedding some Olympic glory its community, the city of Taylorsville is holding a public reception to honor her successes.

Expected to participate in a tribute to Williams will be several of her Taylorsville junior high and high school teachers, coaches and also some state officials.

The city has not disclosed any of the potential speakers as an exact program has not yet been finalized.

"We wanted to put something together quickly at the close of the games so that we could keep some of the excitement of the Olympics in the air," Auger said.

But keeping that Olympic flame burning in the minds of those who saw Williams finish her run for gold in the championship game shouldn't be too hard.

In the finals she turned in one of her best performances of the Olympics, scoring 15 points, pulling down nine rebounds and dishing out an assist.

Her key contribution to the team throughout the tournament was her consistent rebounding. She ranked tenth among all players in rebounding for the games averaging 5.9 rebounds per game.

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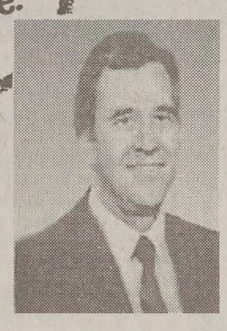

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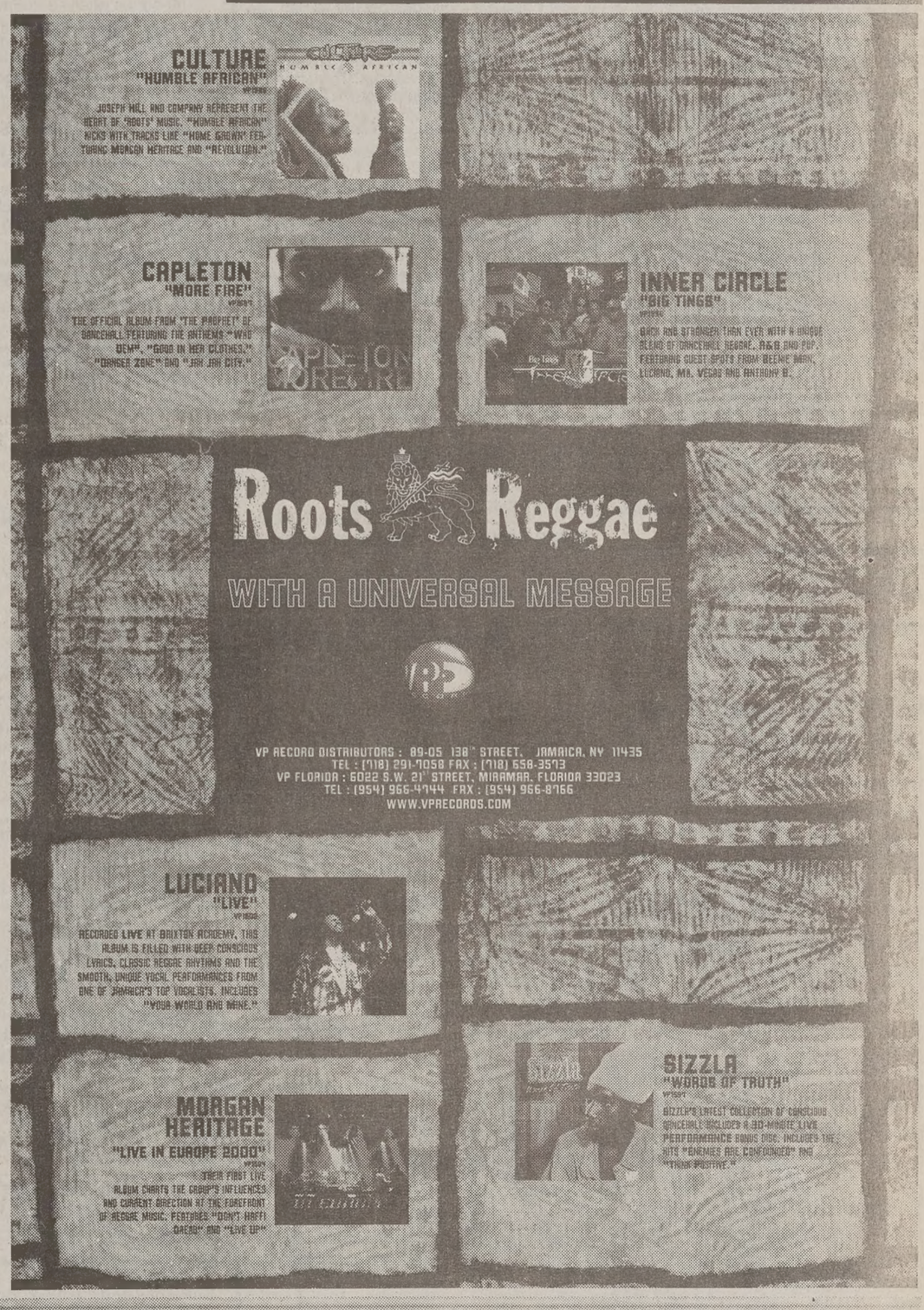

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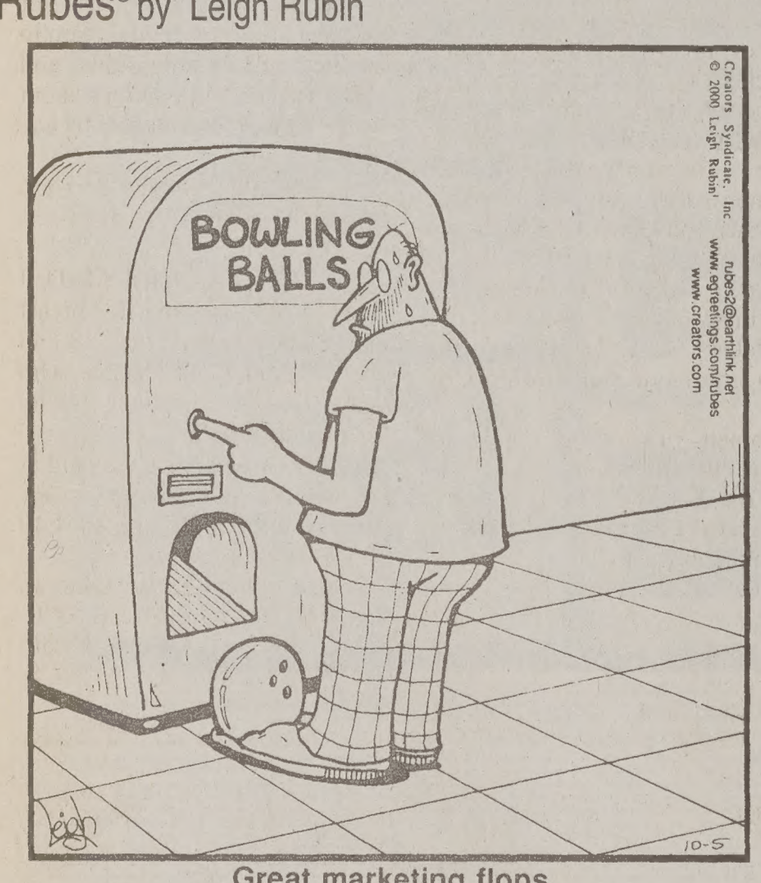

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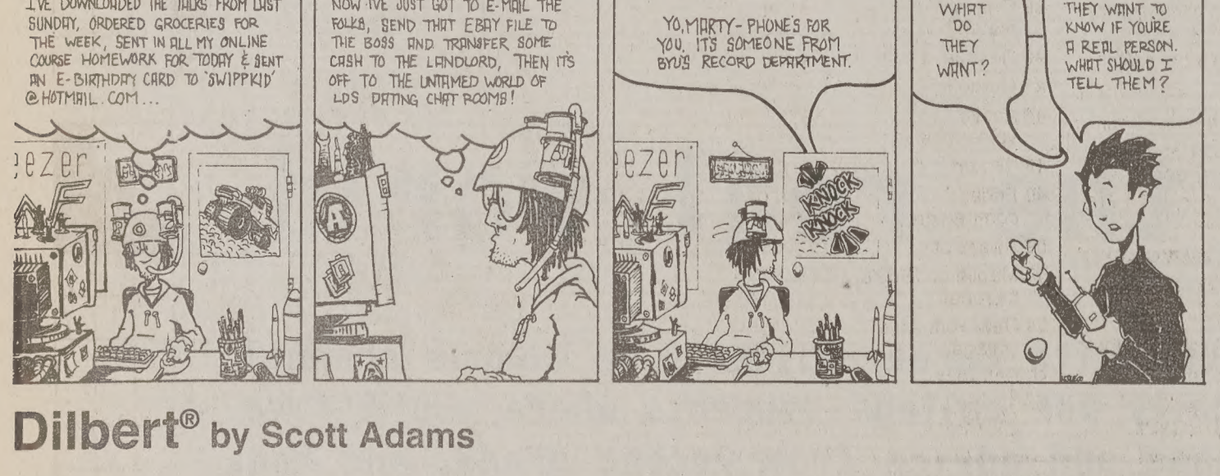
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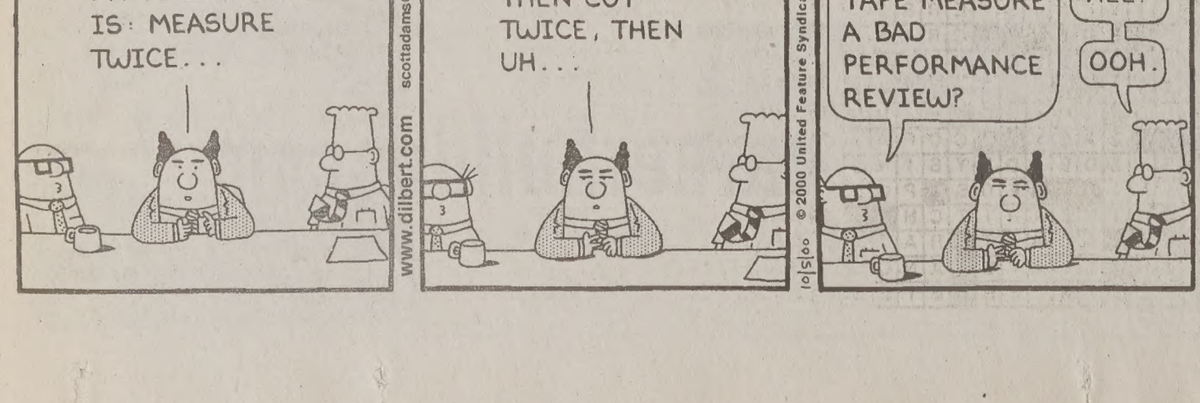

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Students look to save

Drivers search for cheap gas

By Mark Brinkerhoff
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With gas prices soaring, people are looking for ways to save money at the pump. Students are no exception.

Attracted by a sign offering gasoline at a good price, Erik Nyholm, 21, a sophomore from Livermore, Calif., majoring in manufacturing engineering, stopped at a local gas station to fill his car. When he went inside to pay, he said he was surprised to find out it was 10 cents more per gallon than he expected.

One of the ways to save money at the pump is to understand the different prices and grades of gasoline.

Most people know them by their commercial names: regular unleaded, super unleaded and premium. But these grades, or octanes, are also associated with numbers. The higher the number the higher the cost.

William Hecker, BYU associate professor from the Chemical Engineering Department, said the cost of higher-octane gasoline could easily be explained.

"The extra cost is legitimate because there are a lot of refinery processes that cost money," Hecker said.

Benefits are also associated to the cost of higher-octane gasoline, he said.

For one, it makes a car run smoother and longer, Hecker said.

However not all people believe the benefits outweigh the cost.

"You can pay more for higher octane," said BYU economics professor Norman Thurston. "From what I hear you don't get more out of it."

Thurston said there are other ways to save money on gasoline.

"Use alternative forms of transportation," he said. "It makes a lot of sense to walk, ride a bike, or carpool."

Students should pay attention to what cars they are driving, Thurston said.

Big cars like sport utility vehicles are notorious gas-guzzlers, he said.

Students should regularly maintain their cars and keep tires properly inflated, especially when temperatures fall, Thurston said. This will save money.

In spite of high gas prices, he said it is a matter of perspective.

"One of the myths is that gasoline is at an all time high," Thurston said. "It's not that bad if adjusted for inflation."

Inflation and taxes cause prices to rise over time, but people are also making more money and driving less fuel-efficient cars than ever before, he said.

Prices are seasonal and vary from state to state, Thurston said. They tend to rise faster during the summer months and holidays.

Gasoline price comparison

Location	Date 9/11	9/18	9/25	10/2
U.S.	1.561	1.562	1.548	1.524
East Coast	1.518	1.522	1.519	1.507
Midwest	1.553	1.552	1.515	1.469
Gulf Coast	1.459	1.464	1.465	1.446
Rocky Mountain	1.584	1.612	1.617	1.608
West Coast	1.781	1.774	1.776	1.775

Source: Energy Information Administration

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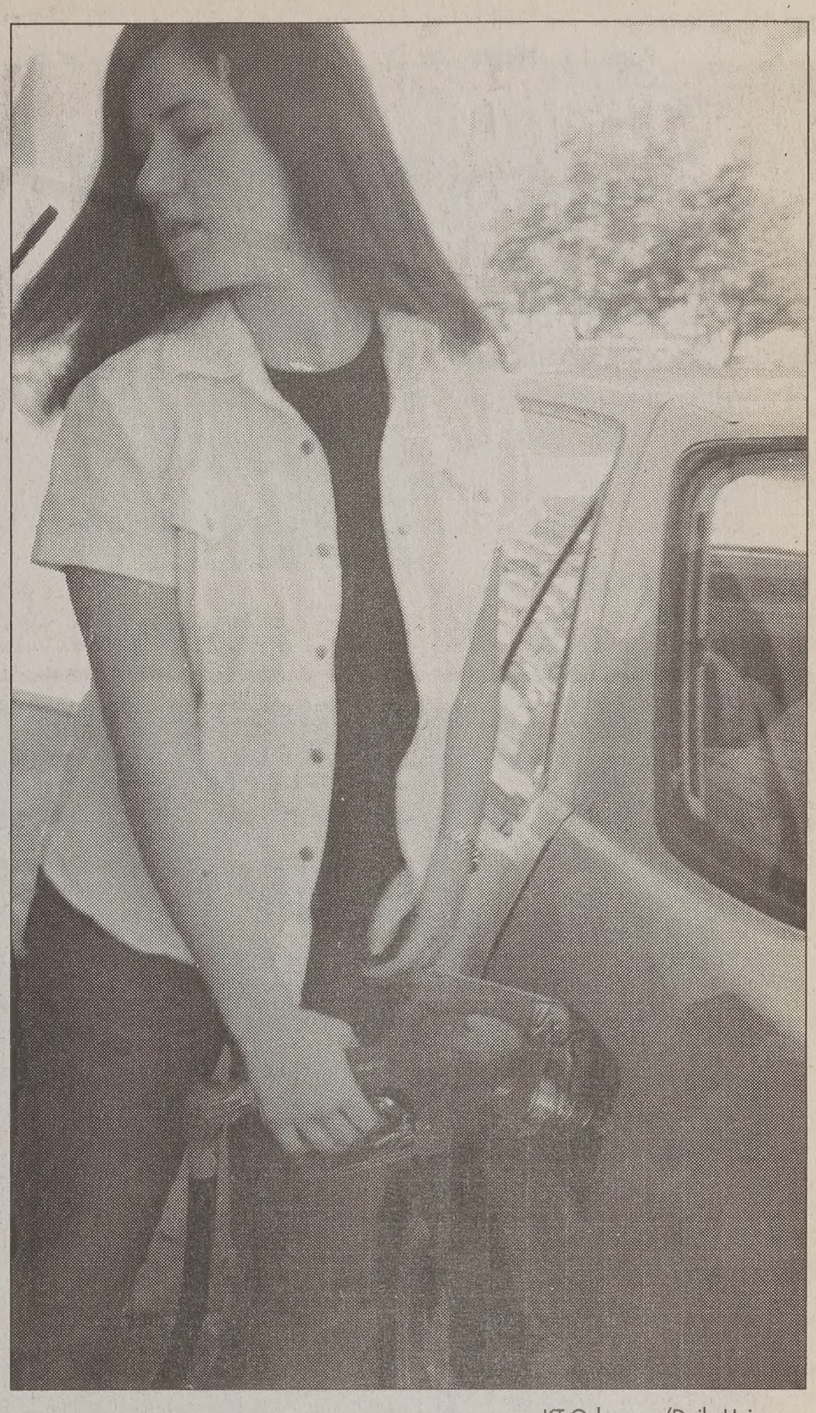

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Emily Conklin, a freshman from Simpsonville, S.C., fills her car with gas at a local gas station. With high gas prices, students are looking for ways to save.

Chinese to join space race

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's budding space program plans to explore the moon for commercially useful resources and hopes one day to take part in an international expedition to Mars, members of the secretive program said Wednesday.

Speeches at a bland forum by the head of the State Aerospace Bureau and a key researcher gave rare glimpses into the military-dominated program.

Although details were few, the experts made one thing clear: China sees manned space flight as key to securing its international stature and economic survival.

"If China since the 1960s had not had the atomic bomb and hydrogen bomb nor launched its own satellites, China would not be regarded as an influential, powerful country," bureau director Luan Enjie told the audience of foreign dignitaries and school children at the start of U.N.-declared "World Space Week."

Started in the 1970s, the Chinese space program successfully tested a spacecraft for manned exploration, putting the unmanned Shenzhou, or "Sacred Vessel," in orbit last November.

China hopes to send astronauts aloft, joining the United States and Russia as the only nations with domestic manned space programs.

Previous state media reports indicated a second test-flight could come before the year's end and a manned mission may soon follow. Luan revealed little about a timetable, saying only that manned missions will follow "successful flights of the unmanned experimental spacecraft."

Cancer awareness month to promote mammograms

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The Utah County Health Department is encouraging women to become involved in the fight against breast cancer this month.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the health department will be offering gifts and prizes to women who take advantage of its low-cost breast exams, said Jackie Evans Black.

Black, Family Health Bureau Supervisor for the department, said one out of eight women develops breast cancer in her lifetime.

"Everyone will eventually know someone in their family who has breast cancer," Black said.

Two hundred Utah women will die of breast cancer this year, Black said.

According to the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Web site, more than 40,000 women will die nationwide. Another 900 Utahns will be diagnosed with the disease.

Black said the department is seeking to inform women on how to detect cancer and arm them with information to educate others.

Women should learn how to inspect themselves for breast cancer, Black said. Department clinics instruct women on how to examine themselves.

Nine out of ten women diagnosed with breast cancer will find the cancer themselves through self-inspection. But Black said the department hopes to increase the ratio of cancer cases found through mammograms.

Mammograms can find cancerous lumps too small to be felt. This results in earlier detection and a higher chance of being cured, Black said.

To promote the use of mammograms the department is holding Mammography Day on Oct. 20, she said.

Women's chances for developing breast cancer steadily increase as they get older, Black said.

Women should get their first mammogram at age 35 and have one annually after age 40, Black said.

All women should have some sort of annual breast cancer inspection by a health care professional, Black said.

Although women younger than 35 are at relatively low risk for breast cancer, they should learn to conduct self-examinations and talk to friends and relatives about breast cancer awareness, Black said.

Other health care providers are supporting awareness efforts as well.

Utah Valley Regional Medical Center will be holding free breast cancer screenings on Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, said Lana Nelson, who works for the hospital's public relations department.

Breast cancer clinics are held at the health department every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Black said.

Women wishing to make an appointment should call 370-8738. The Utah County Health Department is located at 589 S. State St. in Provo.

orida flood forces residents to stay home

ted Press

MI — Residents of the olitan area were urged to me Wednesday because of g and blocked streets fol- a storm that poured more foot of rain on parts of Florida.

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r rushed inside the home of ia Pacheco when she opened her door in unincorporated west Miami-Dade.

> "There are probably fish, snakes out there. You could go fishing."
>
> — Virginia Pacheco, Miami resident

"There are probably fish, snakes out there," she said. "You could go fishing."

A tornado touched down in Hialeah and tore the roof off a fire station while it was being used as a voting site for Tuesday's state and local elections. No one was injured. Another was spotted near Miami's MetroZoo but no damage was reported.

The storm also interfered with some cable TV service, and President Clinton, in Coral Gables on a fund-raising tour, missed part of Tuesday night's presidential debate between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Miami International Airport never officially closed, but numerous flights were canceled or rerouted, said airport spokesman Marc Henderson.

The storm developed over Cuba, then gathered strength and moisture as it moved across the Florida Straits on Tuesday.

All of Miami-Dade got at least 11 inches of rain and the airport got 15.3 inches in 36 hours, the National Weather Service said. Rainfall had mostly stopped in Dade County by Wednesday morning, with only scattered showers, but rain continued falling up the coast, where Broward County had gotten more than 8 inches.

Little rain fell where it could have been used, such as in drought-stricken central and northern Florida, the weather service said.

"This has fallen in places that don't have the long-term drought," said meteorologist Bob Pifer. "That's kind of aggravating for everybody that's stomping around the water to hear that."

In October 1999, Hurricane Irene dumped up to 18 inches of rain and caused millions of dollars in damage.

Some streets and highway exits remained nearly impassable during what would have been the Wednesday morning rush hour. Some traffic signals were out of order and hundreds of vehicles stalled by deep water littered the roads, some sitting in the traffic lanes.

dge: Biotech food needs no label

ted Press

SHINGTON — A federal has dismissed a lawsuit by of agricultural biotechnolo- o want the government to e labels on foods made with cally engineered crops.

lawsuit challenged the Food Drug Administration's 8- old policy that considers altered crops to be essential- same as those produced by ntional breeding methods us not subject to the same tory controls as food addi-

District Judge Colleen -Kotelly, in a ruling Sept. id the biotech critics failed ve that FDA violated proce- and environmental laws in ishing the policy or that the y should mandate labeling foods.

ss the agency decides h ingredients are materially nt from conventional prod- t "lacks a basis upon which legally mandate labeling, dless of consumer demand," rote.

Genetically engineered crops, herbicide-resistant soybeans in particular, became popular with farmers in the late 1990s and are found in products throughout supermarkets.

The FDA policy was established in 1992 in the last year of the Bush administration and has been defended vigorously by the Clinton administration. FDA officials announced this spring that they would propose mandatory safety reviews of new gene-altered products, but they insist they still believe the foods are safe. Such reviews are now on a voluntary basis.

The lawsuit was filed in 1998 by several anti-biotech organizations, including The Center for Food Safety, and a group of scientists and religious leaders.

They don't plan to appeal the decision and will instead wait to see what rules the FDA proposes for the mandatory reviews, said Andrew Kimbrell, an attorney who handled the lawsuit. Industry officials say the FDA rules are unlikely to make much difference in how foods are brought to market.

"Genetically engineered foods have gone virtually unregulated in the United States," he said Wednesday.

Anti-biotech groups also are likely to challenge the Environmental Protection Agency as it decides in coming months whether to renew registrations for several varieties of corn that have been genetically modified to resist insect pests, Kimbrell said.

The biotechnology industry has been on the defensive in recent weeks because of a nationwide recall by Kraft Foods last month of taco shells that were found to contain a variety gene-altered corn that hasn't been approved for human consumption.

The decision "reinforces the integrity of the system, which is based on sound science, at a time when this system is under discussion," said Michael Phillips, who directs agricultural issues for the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

The FDA said this week that its own lab confirmed the corn was in the taco shells and said it planned to test additional products.

Crossword

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41 Outdo in
44 Active volcanoes, e.g.
48 "Go on ..."
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54 New York-area college
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61 Forearm bone
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63 Tanks and such
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65 "Light" and "dark" orders
66 Homes in the hills

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1 Japanese port near Nagasaki
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8 Like monks
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11 Small-time
12 Super Bowl XV team
14 Down
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21 U-boat detector
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29 Always, poetically
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33 Clever
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37 Not live
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39 Competitor of 22-Across
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47 Doesn't look pleased
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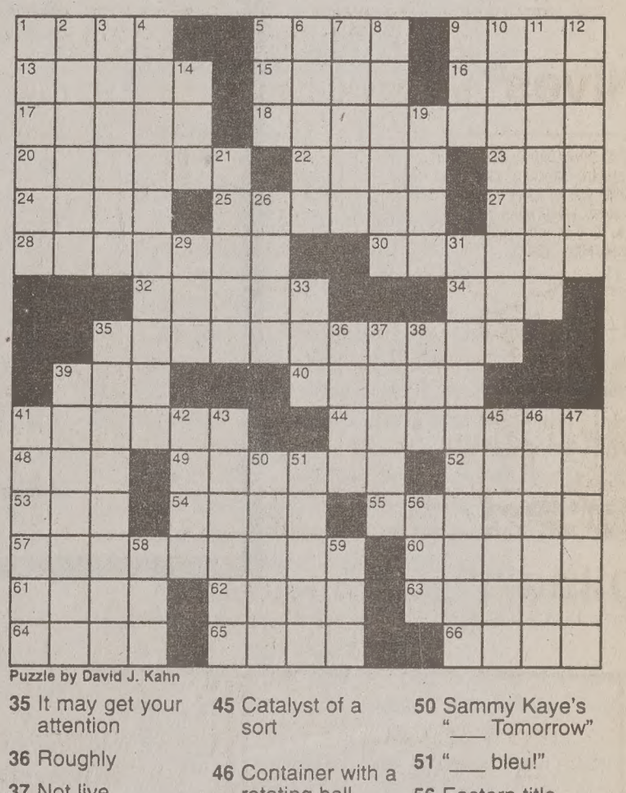

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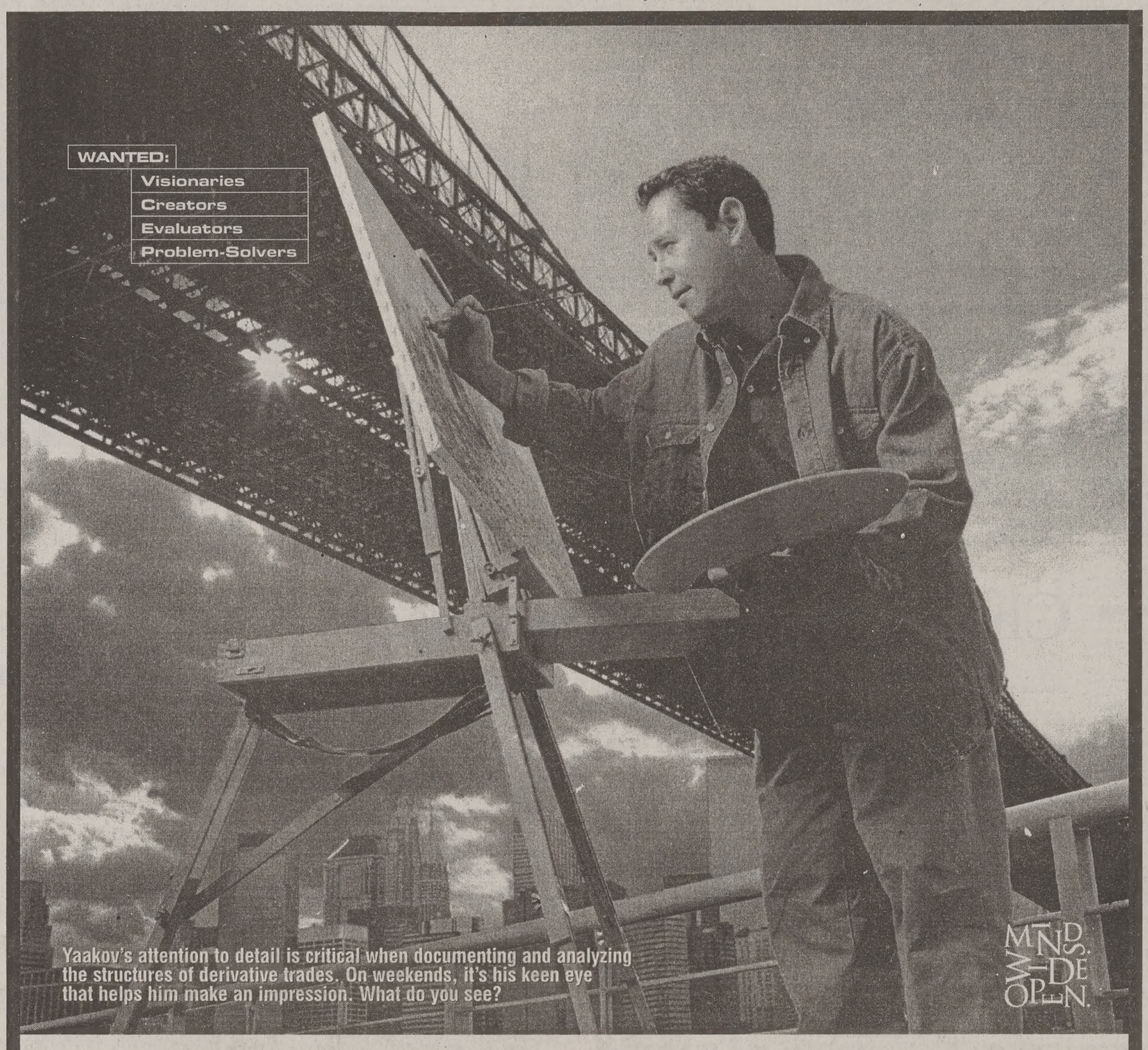
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